

THE FIGHTBACK OF NOTRE DAME

- Vital 30mins saves cathedral
- Relics rescued by heroic priest
- Billionaires in restoration vow

Inferno... blaze at the cathedral



From JONATHAN REILLY in Paris

NOTRE Dame was saved from destruction thanks to firefighters' heroics in a vital 30-minute period. Relics were also rescued by priest Jean-Marc Fournier. French billionaires have pledged cash to restore the cathedral.

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Hero priest... Jean-Marc Fournier

Ray of hope... light shines in Notre Dame yesterday

LEGEND'S '140 MATCH WAGERS'

SCHOLES ON BETS CHARGE

By ANDY JEHRING

MANCHESTER United legend Paul Scholes could be kicked out of football after he was charged with misconduct over an alleged betting scandal.

The FA accused Scholes of placing 140 bets on matches over 3½ years while part-owner of Salford FC.

Experts said if found guilty Scholes could be forced out of football as owner, pundit

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Misconduct charge... Paul Scholes

BURGON ZIONISM RANT



JEREMY Corbyn was yesterday urged to sack his Shadow Justice Secretary Richard Burgon, who was finally proved to have declared: "Zionism is the enemy of peace."

Burgon spent two years denying it – but a newly unearthed video shows him making the comments in a 2014 speech. He

Caught on film . . . Burgon

By KATE FERGUSON

told the audience: "The enemy of the Palestinian people is not the Jewish people. The enemy of the Palestinian people are Zionists."

"And Zionism is the enemy of peace and the enemy of the Palestinian people."

Jewish groups and campaigners demanded he apologise and called for Labour to boot him

out. Amanda Bowman, vice-president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said: "These comments were shameful."

"Burgon's denial and the revelation of his 2014 incitement against Zionists encapsulate the total sham of Labour's approach to anti-Semitism."

Jewish Labour Movement chairman Mike Katz said: "You cannot play at being a Lord

Chancellor-in-waiting while making dog-whistle attacks on British Jews and their right, through Zionism, for national self determination."

Burgon said he regretted the remark and had denied making it because "I did not recall doing so".

He added: "It is now clear I did and I regret doing so. I do not agree with that phrase."



Effective . . . blood test

Blood is cancer test hope

By SHAUN WOOLLER

A SIMPLE blood test detects the return of breast cancer up to two years earlier than existing scans, a study shows. It detected 89 per cent of all recurrences nearly nine months sooner on average than scans such as mammograms.

Up to one in three sufferers relapse within five years but spotting tumours early increases their chances of survival.

The findings come from researchers who took samples from 49 patients every six months for up to four years after surgery and chemotherapy.

Professor Jacqui Shaw, from the University of Leicester, said: "The results show it is possible to monitor patients with a blood-based test."

"It may provide a critical window of opportunity for earlier treatment."

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Eco rally 300 held

NEARLY 300 activists have now been arrested in London's climate change protests, which ran into a second day yesterday.

Police even reportedly stopped making arrests after running out of cells. More chaos is expected today, with the capital's Tube network targeted.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan said: "Targeting public transport would only damage the cause of all of us who want to tackle climate change."

RADICAL SCHOOL EXAM SWITCH

JEZ: I'LL AXE SATs

REPLACEMENT TESTS HE COULD INTRODUCE

Little Red Riding Hood vs Chairman Mao's Little Red Book

Socialism at 7: Tuck shop economics according to Karl Marx

History of the British Isles (extra marks for renouncing evil and tyranny of any Western authorities)

"I was present but not involved" – best excuses to make if caught doing something naughty

Counting with Diane Abbott (all pupils get full marks, regardless of answers)

Philosophy: How it's possible to be both pro and anti-Brexit at the same time

By KATE FERGUSON

JEREMY Corbyn yesterday vowed to axe primary school SATs if he becomes PM.

He claimed: "Extreme pressure testing is giving children nightmares and leaving them in floods of tears."

The Labour leader told a union conference: "Teachers are reporting sleeplessness, anxiety and depression in primary children during exam period."

Reform bid . . . Corbyn

Labour chief vow on primary tests

ods. Excessive exams aren't driving up standards but driving up stress for children and teachers."

His plan to ditch Standard Attainment Tests for kids of seven and ten – and new exams due next year for those aged five – would be one of education's biggest shake-ups in a generation.

He vowed more "flexible" assessment, with teachers

able to be more creative rather than just give lessons aimed at passing SATs.

He said his replacements would offer broader assessment of pupils' skills rather than sticking rigidly to maths, English and science.

Mr Corbyn – who got two A-level Grade Es – told the National Education Union in Liverpool: "Teachers get into the profession to inspire

children, not pass them along an assembly line." He plans to consult teachers and parents before detailing his party's proposals.

NEU joint leader Dr Mary Bousted hailed Mr Corbyn's pledge and warned that the "test-driven system" was damaging pupils.

But Education Secretary Damian Hinds said of Labour's proposals for SATs: "Mr Corbyn's plan to junk them puts ideology before children." His No2, Schools Minister Nick Gibb, agreed: "Abolishing them would be a terrible, retrograde step."

"Labour plan to keep parents in the dark. They will prevent parents from knowing how good their child's school is at teaching maths, reading and writing."

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CASH FOR 46M WIN

A £14BILLION damages claim against Mastercard on behalf of millions of UK consumers has been revived after a "landmark" ruling by the Court of Appeal.

Ex-financial ombudsman Walter Merricks wants to sue the card giant on behalf of 46.2million people, who he says paid higher prices due to competition law breaches.

If successful, nearly every UK adult who made a purchase from businesses accepting Mastercard up to 2008 could get up to £300.

The class action – one of the first in the UK – was thrown out in July 2017 by a tribunal. But senior judges yesterday found the tribunal had considered the case incorrectly and must review it.

MASKED ACID CAR NUT



By EMMA JAMES

SINISTER masked figures have wrecked six vehicles with acid in a village.

CCTV, left, shows a woman in a devil mask and wig but men were also filmed as five cars and a motorhome were targeted over the past 18 months.

Villagers in St Briavels, Gloucs, fear the attacks could escalate.

A £2,000 reward is being offered to catch the vandals.



Discarded . . . devil mask

sky NEWS HD WEATHER with NAZANEEN GHAFAR



TODAY: Dry with sunny spells for most, although a few light showers are possible for central and eastern England as the afternoon wears on. Feeling mild.

TONIGHT: Clouding over in Northern Ireland and western parts of England and Wales, though it should remain dry for most. Patches of mist and fog developing in the North. Moderate winds.

OUTLOOK: Tomorrow will be dry and warm with sunny spells for many. A few showers are possible in northern England.

Friday will be dry, very warm and mostly sunny.

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Today's birthdays

EX-Spice Girl VICTORIA BECKHAM, 45, left, Lord Of The Rings' SEAN BEAN, 60, and horse racing pundit JOHN MCCRICK, 79, right. Last night's winning Health Lottery numbers: 9, 16, 28, 39, 48. Bonus ball: 17. EuroMillions numbers: 1, 8, 15, 44, 49. Lucky Stars: 2, 11.





Picture: JAMES RUDLAND

IT'S VICKI PEEL

REALITY TV star Vicky Pattison looks red hot in an undies photo-shoot — but has also spent too much time sizzling on the beach. Vicky, 31, revealed she suffered sunburn on her hols in Turkey. The ex-Geordie Shore girl and

By JACK LING

former I'm a Celeb winner shared a photograph of her scorched shoulders, *inset*, with her Instagram followers yesterday after frying in her swimsuit. She wrote:

"Thought I was all smug with my sunnies and sexy swimsuit didn't I? I look a t**t. "I look like I'm still wearing my vest. I'm the butt of every joke." Maybe her next show could be called Geordie Sore.

ROCK SHOCK

OZZY'S DEATH METAL



Where's the control? . . . how Ozzy may have looked

TV window drop scare

WILD rocker Ozzy Osbourne has revealed he and a guitarist pal almost killed a man by tossing a TV out a hotel window.

He was boozing with Zakk Wylde in the Czech Republic unaware of a smoker outside.

Ozzy, 70, recalled: "I was in f***ing Prague many years ago when I was still drinking that beer. It was cheap good beer.

"I am in the Four Seasons and I am watching the TV and I go to Zakk, 'I have never thrown a f***ing TV out of the window of a hotel room. Let's f***ing do it'.

"So I ripped the window open, ripped the television off (the wall), Zakk picked it up and threw it out of the f***ing window. It landed on the floor and f***ing exploded. It went like a bomb.

"Little did I know there was a guy smoking a cigarette. I shudder to think if that had hit him on the head. I would have killed him stone f***ing dead." The Black Sabbath front-man, now teetotal, said on US radio: "Not only did I pay for the TV, but I bent the

Fall guy . . . Ozzy

EXCLUSIVE by JAMES BEAL
US Editor

window frame and they couldn't book the room for three months.

"So I had to pay three months for the room and the repair of the f***ing window. And they banned me from staying for about f***ing 20 years. But it was a good night out."

Last week wife Sharon, 66, cried as she revealed Ozzy is heart-broken at postponing his world tour after falling at their LA home while recovering from pneumonia and flu. james.beal@the-sun.co.uk



PLONKERS HALT DEL

A BRAWL in the audience delayed a performance of Only Fools and Horses The Musical.

At least three people scuffled in the front row ahead of the West End show starring Paul Whitehouse, *left*.

Security guards dragged one out after the audience at Theatre Royal Haymarket chanted in irritation. The show, which opened in February, started several minutes late.



Si plans a big Xmas present bizarre

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FIGHTBACK OF NOTRE DAME**CATHEDRAL IN**

Boss... Julien Le Bras, 32

From **JONATHAN REILLY**
and **CHLOE KERR**, in Paris

A BABY-faced building boss and his craftsmen were last night at the centre of the Notre Dame fire investigation.

Julien Le Bras, 32, won a £5million contract to repair the cathedral's roof and was working on the structure in the days before Monday's devastating blaze.

His team were being quizzed by detectives yesterday as fire-fighters were hailed for saving the 850-year-old Paris landmark from total destruction.

Investigators believe the inferno started in a roof cavity beneath the spire, where work – which included the use of electric tools – was carried out. The wooden spire and much of the roof collapsed in the blaze, which police are treating as an accident, having ruled out terrorism and arson.

France's deputy interior minister Laurent Nuñez said Notre Dame was saved in a crucial 15 to 30-minute period.

This is believed to have been at around 9pm when the fire spread across the roof and was threatening the cathedral's two iconic bell towers.

He praised the "courage and determination" of firefighters who "risked their own lives".

Mr Nuñez said the police and fire services will spend the next 48 hours assessing the structure's safety and security.

Eerie photos taken inside the building showed charred debris from the roof littering the floor where the pews stood.

Incredibly, a statue of Jesus descending from the cross, on the altar, survived.

In an address to the nation last night, French president Emmanuel Macron vowed to have the cathedral rebuilt in five years with help from the international community.

He said: "What we saw on this night, together in Paris, is this ability to mobilise, to unite, to win. In the course of our history we have built cities, ports, churches...every time we rebuilt them."

Earlier the president said a national fundraising campaign would be launched and he sought the assistance of the world's "greatest talents".

He too credited the "courage" and "great professionalism" of firefighters.

Fire chief Gabriel Plus said the blaze was extinguished yesterday morning, but 100 crew were staying to survey the site.

It was revealed that the cathedral's fire alarms sounded twice, at 6.20pm and at 6.43pm.

On the first occasion attending firefighters carried out checks but saw nothing. The second time it was too late as flames were already out of control.

Workers would have downed tools between 5pm and 5.30pm.

Fifty investigators are on the case. Up to 30 people, who were mainly working on the building, are to be quizzed.

Forensic fire expert Serge Delhayé said the way Notre Dame was built "makes it like

NOTRE BLAME

SPIRE 'IS SAFE'



Mr Le Bras boasted his renovation company was safe

SPIRE COLLAPSES



Historic structure topples over as the inferno rages

● Conservation team probed ● Saviour firefighters hailed

a match box". He explained: "The wood is very ancient. With all that wood dust and decomposed timber, a spark, some welding or a short-circuit can set off embers that are hidden for several hours or even days, and develop insidiously into a fire."

A source close to the inquiry said it was focusing on an equipment fault, adding: "The fear is a small fire began in the roof where they were working."

The Paris prosecutor's office is said to be probing "involuntary destruction caused by fire"

most likely sparked by a "stray flame". Mr Le Bras had bragged that Notre Dame was safe in his expert hands.

He said 12 craftsmen from his small firm *Le Bras Freres* – known as "Cathedral Restorers" – were involved in the work.

He insisted none were on site when the inferno broke out and other firms had also been commissioned to work there. Speaking outside Notre Dame, Mr Le Bras added: "All safety devices and procedures have been respected. We want more than anyone for light to be shed on

the origin of this drama." His renovation firm has been working on cathedrals since 1954.

It employs 200 craftsmen, and was trusted to renovate cathedrals in Reims, Poitiers, Verdun, Strasbourg, Amiens and the Pantheon in Paris.

Restoration work on Notre Dame began last July and was set to be carried out in several phases over 20 years.

When his company landed the contract, Mr Le Bras declared: "Our first thought is to protect the values of historical buildings, it's in our DNA."

Pope Francis said yesterday he hoped everyone will pull together. He added: "I hope the Notre Dame cathedral may once again become, thanks to reconstruction work and the mobilisation of all, a jewel in the heart of the city."

But preservation expert Bertrand de Feydeau claimed the beams cannot be rebuilt the same way as France no longer has trees big enough.

He said: "We don't, at the moment, have trees of the size that were cut in the 12th and 13th century."

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RUINS..BUT VOW TO REBUILD IT



CHARRED CHAPEL

Remnants of roof lie before the high altar



Donor... Arnault

Tycoon's promise of £170m

By CHLOE KERR

THE richest man in France yesterday pledged £170million towards the cathedral restoration fund.

It came as ordinary French citizens donated £605million in 24 hours.

Multi-billionaire Bernard Arnault, head of the LVMH luxury goods group, became the biggest benefactor in an appeal launched by President Emmanuel Macron.

On Monday – the day of the blaze – French tycoon Francois-Henri Pinault, who is married to Hollywood actress Salma Hayek, pledged £86million.

But LVMH – whose brands include Dior, Louis Vuitton, Bulgari, TAG Heuer, Dom Perignon and Hennessy – said its donation would be double.

Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo said she wanted to organise “an international conference of donors” to welcome experts who are able to raise funds.



Saddened... Queen

Solidarity as abbey bells ring

By TOM NEWTON DUNN

WESTMINSTER Abbey's bells tolled at 5.43pm yesterday – 24 hours after the Notre Dame fire started.

Theresa May ordered the gesture of solidarity, with churches and cathedrals also ringing out tomorrow, Maundy Thursday.

The PM offered French president Emmanuel Macron expert UK help to rebuild “however we can”.

Mrs May, on a walking holiday in Wales, added: “The images of destruction we saw last night were truly heart-rending.”

Culture Secretary Jeremy Wright and Historic England are also drawing up a plan of support.

The Queen, whose own Windsor Castle was ravaged by fire in 1992, said she and husband Philip were “deeply saddened”.

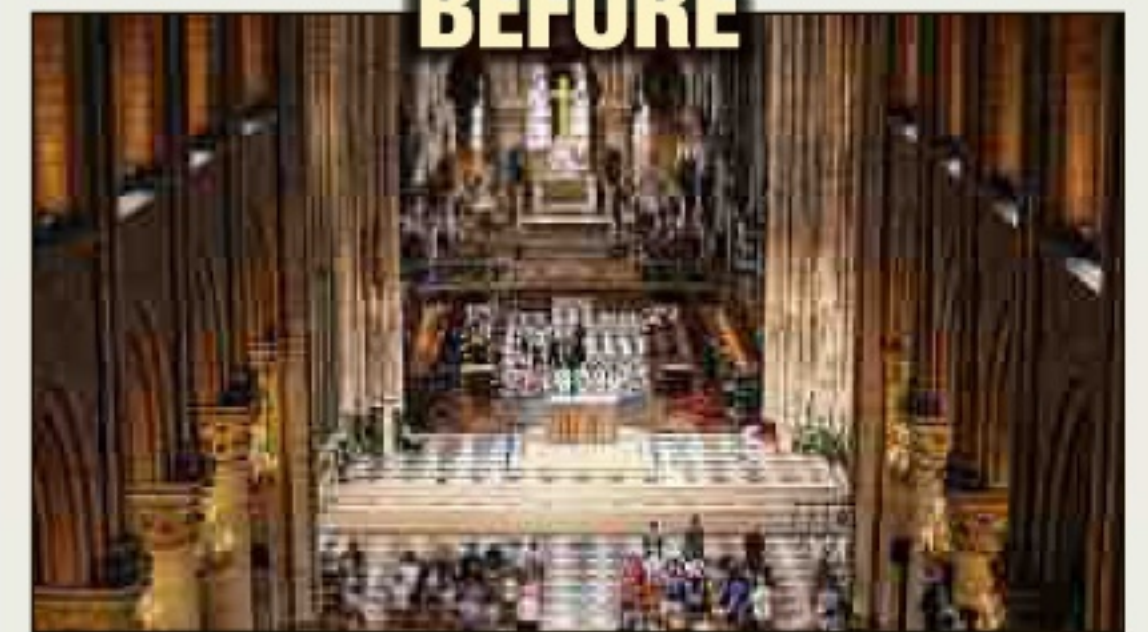
The Prince of Wales and Camilla were left “utterly heartbroken” by the “shattering tragedy”.

VISION OF HELL



Firefighter watches as flames engulf the cathedral

BEFORE



AFTER



OPEN TO HEAVENS



Missing section of roof leaves the nave open to sky

SAVED BY MAN OF GOD: SEE PAGES 6 & 7

FIGHTBACK OF NOTRE DAME**HERO OF THE**From **CHLOE KERR**, in Paris

A HERO priest who helped Bataclan terror victims was last night hailed for saving priceless relics and works of art from the flames of Notre Dame.

Paris fire brigade chaplain Jean-Marc Fournier rushed straight into the inferno to protect precious artefacts including the Crown of Thorns believed to have been worn by Christ on the Cross.

Father Fournier led firefighters and worshippers who formed a human chain and passed items to safety as flames ravaged the 850-year-old cathedral's roof and destroyed its spire on Monday.

An emergency services source said: "Father Fournier is an absolute hero. He showed no fear at all as he made straight for the relics inside the cathedral and made sure they were saved."

"He deals with life and death every day and shows no fear."

Father Fournier comforted the wounded after 90 people were massacred at a concert in the Bataclan theatre during the November 2015 Paris terror attacks.

Aged in his 50s, he has previously served in Afghanistan as a French army chaplain.

Amazingly, only two police officers and one firefighter were injured during the blaze.

Hours earlier, the cathedral had been packed with tourists but all were out when the fire started.

Teams battled to save the structure of the Gothic masterpiece and recover artefacts it housed.

Against the odds, the three "irreplaceable" Rose stained glass windows many feared had exploded were undamaged.

And last night the copper statue of a cockerel – the unofficial symbol of France – which was at the top of the 300ft spire was found among the rubble.

Although tarnished, it appeared to be in one piece.

Philippe Marsset, the vicar general of Notre Dame, was one of the first to enter the cathedral in the aftermath. He said: "It felt like I was looking at a bombing."

Investigators believe the fire was caused by accident, possibly as a result of restoration work taking place on the spire.

UK expert Martin Kealy, managing director of MKA Fire safety consultants, said: "Sadly, fire is all too common in buildings under construction or during renovation and is likely to be caused or exacerbated by the renovation works."

"These buildings are very fragile structures, built nearly a thousand years ago and not to modern engineering standards."

"The fact that no visitors or passers-by were injured in such an extreme incident is something to be thankful for."

Pictures from inside show gaping holes in the ceiling and roof beams on the floor – but the cross on top of the altar remains untouched and intact.

Thousands of emotional Parisians gathered along the banks of the Seine on Monday night to sing hymns as they watched the flames.

Small groups also came together in prayer to support each other outside a nearby church.

Some people fell to their knees and wept as the bells of churches across the city tolled in solidarity with the iconic cathedral.

Eric Zelnick, 69, who lives nearby, said: "There's something empty, missing."

"It was the face of Paris. Now it's a face missing its teeth."

But authorities have confirmed a significant proportion of the sacred relics and masterpieces were saved.

And it was confirmed the Crown of Thorns is intact thanks to Father Fournier.

Records of the crown's existence begin in the sixth century AD, when it is believed to have been kept in Jerusalem by Christians.

During the Crusades in 1238, the Latin Emperor of Constantinople

**The Crown of Thorns**

Said to have been worn by Jesus Christ on the Cross. Christians kept it in Jerusalem but in 1238, during the Crusades, the Emperor of Constantinople gave it to King Louis IX of France to win support. The crown was saved from the fire but a small fragment was kept in the spire and is believed to be lost.

SAVED**The Tunic of Saint Louis**

SAVED BY MAN OF GOD

- **Priest rescues holy relics**
- **Races to heart of inferno**

gave it to France's King Louis IX to win his support. Louis was later made a saint and his garment the Tunic of St Louis was saved from the flames too.

The Rose stained-glass windows dating back to the 13th century, were said to be remarkably intact.

The original Great Organ and the main bell also survived. But a number of relics were feared lost.

The fate of a fragment of the True Cross on which Jesus is said to have been crucified, and an original nail used, were also unclear, although French media

claimed they had been rescued. Four 17th and 18th-century paintings depicting scenes from the lives of the apostles were damaged, said France's Observatory for Religious Heritage boss Maxime Cumunel. He estimated that five to ten per cent of the cathedral's artwork was destroyed.

● **VICTOR** Hugo's classic novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* shot to the top of Amazon France's bestseller list yesterday.

Customers have flocked to buy the 1831 book about deformed bell-ringer Quasimodo since the blaze. chloe.kerr@the-sun.co.uk

6.20PM: A fire alarm sounds in the cathedral. Security staff search, but find nothing.

6.43PM: Second alarm goes off. This time, a fire is found.

7.10PM: Smoke starts to billow from the wooden roof.

7.50PM: The spire – last rebuilt in the 19th century – collapses.

8.50PM: Fire spreads across the roof. This is believed to be the start of the crucial 30 minutes in which firefighters save the structure of the building.

9.10PM: Flames reach the north

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tower and are edging towards the famous twin bell towers.

9.40PM: 400 firefighters are at the scene, helped by two helicopters. Water is pumped from the River Seine on to the building.

10.40PM: Relics are saved from the blaze. One firefighter hurt.

11.55PM: Firefighters start to win the battle against the inferno.

03.40AM: Blaze is under control.

09.30AM: The fire is out.



BATACLAN STARS AGAIN



16 statues of the apostles
(removed a week before the fire)



The original Great Organ



The main bell, Emmanuel



The Rose windows are a trio of
13th century stained-glass windows

A finger of light points to a miracle



From
JONATHAN REILLY
who saw aftermath first hand

AS flames lit up the sky across Paris on Monday night, the city was alive with the wailing from the thousands watching their cathedral apparently being destroyed.

But yesterday morning, as we approached the still-smouldering building, the first thing we noticed was the eerie quiet.

It was almost as if the cathedral was holding a service again.

Even the emergency workers appeared to be trying to keep noise to a minimum, as if in reverence.

And peering through the main door of the cathedral, the impression that this was still a thriving religious edifice was reinforced by the beam of light shining down into the main body of the building – giving the scene a celestial glow.

The radiant shaft was coming down through the newly formed hole where the ornate beams of the roof and spire had been until Monday night. Beneath the hole was a jumbled mass of charred wood, arranged like modern art that had fallen into the pews from above.

But despite the damage, the most astonishing impression was just how much of the cathedral had survived unscathed.

The golden altar at the far end seemed almost untouched from the inferno and was now bathed by that finger of light.

And most of the pristine stained glass also looked intact – something that had seemed inconceivable at the height of the fire.

It was impossible not to be astonished by quite how much was left intact. A miracle was the word everyone instinctively reached for.

MPs fear a repeat

A SENIOR MP has warned the Palace of Westminster could suffer a Notre Dame-style inferno if a two-year delay to urgent renovations gets the nod.

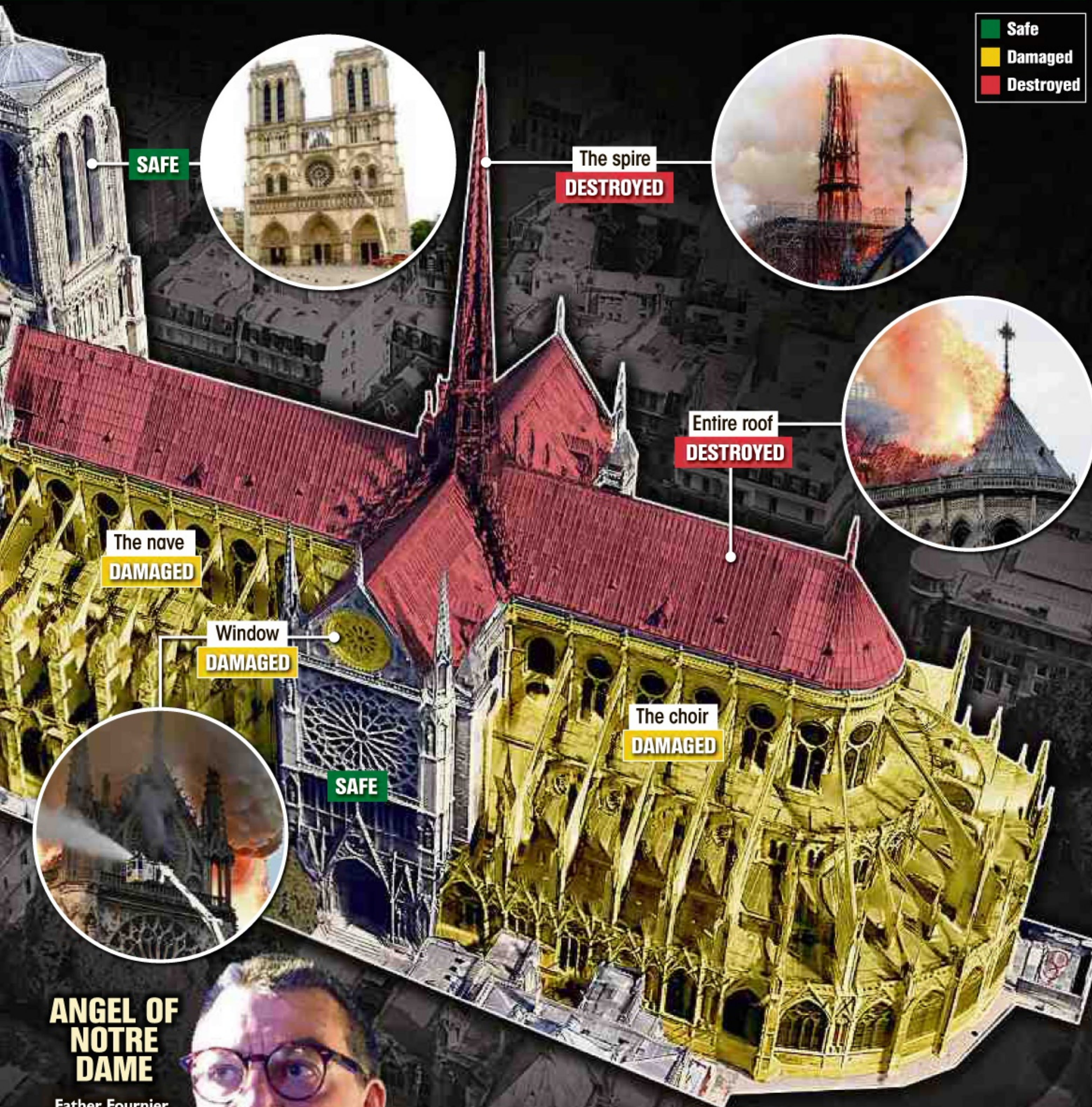
The Commons finally agreed last year for £3billion of work to begin in 2026 but now a committee of grandees is proposing to push it back to 2028.

Labour MP Chris Bryant said: "Parliament has become a potential death trap of catastrophic proportions because we've allowed years of neglect. 'The best part of 9,000 people work there every day, plus thousands more tourists.'

"There are inaccessible parts of the estate such as the attic where if a fire started, nobody would find it for a long time."

A Parliamentary spokeswoman said: "Fire safety is a key priority for Parliament."

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ANGEL OF NOTRE DAME

Father Fournier saved precious religious relics



DESTROYED?



Fragment of True Cross
and one of the Holy Nails

- The entire wooden interior has been lost
- Numerous sculptures, statues and paintings presumed destroyed
- The fate of a piece of the True Cross on which Jesus was crucified is unknown



Painting by Jean Jouvenet
of the Virgin Mary

QUENTIN LETTS: SEE PAGE 10

NO HOLIDAY FROM BREXIT CHAOS



Extra time... Tusk

Tusk: My dream of a 2nd ref

By NICK GUTTERIDGE

THE six-month Brexit delay means the dream of a second referendum is closer, says Donald Tusk.

The extra time could now be used by Remainers to force another vote on staying in, according to the Brussels boss.

And he hinted at a further extension or permanent reversal by saying new British MEPs could keep their seats longer than October 31.

Mr Tusk revealed one EU PM told him he should stop dreaming of Brexit being cancelled.

He said: "At this rather difficult moment we need the dreamers. I will not stop dreaming about a better and united Europe."

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Amber's BoJo 'no'

AMBER Rudd has trashed Boris Johnson's hopes that she will be his No10 running mate, and revealed she may still have a crack at becoming PM herself.

The pro-EU Work and Pensions Secretary is being courted by BoJo to reunite the Tories.

But Ms Rudd insisted yesterday that she is "not supporting anybody at the moment", adding that she and Boris "really disagree" on Brexit.

She said: "I'm not planning to run, but I've kept the door slightly ajar. I don't rule it out."

TRUMPED

- **Corb: Talks on verge of collapse**
- **Blames May for wanting US deal**



FARAGE: THE END IS NIGE

By EMMA JAMES and NICK GUTTERIDGE

NIGEL Farage flashes his patriotic socks as he launches his Brexit Party at the European Parliament.

The former Ukip leader bragged that his fledgling party would sweep the board in European elections.

He said he would only be stopped if a cross-party fudge took us out of Europe before next month's vote.

But Farage claimed that would mean his party winning a General Election as voters would feel "the betrayal will be so complete".

And he won unlikely support from EU Brexit chief Guy Verhofstadt, who wants the threat from his Brexit Party to force Tories and Labour to strike a deal.

He tweeted: "Maybe the only thing that can save us is Nigel Farage now."

By MATT DATHAN
Senior Political Correspondent

JEREMY Corbyn says talks to break the Brexit impasse are on the brink of collapse as Theresa May still wants a trade deal with Donald Trump.

The Labour leader, in cross-party negotiations with the PM, blasted Mrs May for refusing to consider remaining in a customs union with the EU.

Doing so would bar Britain from striking a US trade deal.

Mr Corbyn said the PM was pressured by Tories who are too obsessed with using Brexit to deregulate markets.

Labour sources said the main obstacle to progress was International Trade Secretary Liam Fox.

Speaking on a campaign visit to the North West, Mr Corbyn said Britain needed easy access to European markets and to keep environmental regulations and workplace rights.

He added: "We've put those cases very robustly to the Government and there's no agreement as yet."

"The Government doesn't appear to be shifting the red lines because they've got a big pressure in the Tory party that actually wants to turn this country into a deregulated low-tax society which will do a deal with Trump. I don't want to do that."

He went on: "We've lost a lot of time by the dithering of the Government on bringing issues to Parliament."

If the talks break down the PM has promised MPs would then hold a string of indicative votes on possible Brexit options.

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PM... red line



Trump... deal

WHAT'S THE TIG IDEA?

ELECTION watchdogs have rejected The Independent Group's logo, right.

They said the acronym TIG was "likely to mislead"

as it was not well known, while its #Change was not allowed as it "contains a link to online material".

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TIG
#Change

SIDES FIELD NEW VOTE

MPs could get a vote on staying in a customs union within weeks, backed by veterans from both sides. Senior MP Frank Field,

right, told the Evening Standard it would get both leaders "off the hook" from the threat of fresh spats with their own parties.

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Christian . . Mrs Higgs

Miss axe for blast at LGBT teaching

By KATIE HODGE

A CHRISTIAN class assistant has been axed for blasting LGBT lessons.

Kristie Higgs, 43, hit out after her lad's Church of England primary began the teaching and gave pupils two related books.

She plugged a petition against lessons being compulsory on Facebook. Her post accused school chiefs of "brain-washing our children".

And it called the move "totalitarianism aimed at suppressing Christianity".

Farmor's School in Fairford, Gloucs, sacked the mum of two for gross misconduct and language demeaning LGBT kids.

Mrs Higgs, taking her case to a tribunal, said "hundreds of thousands of parents" shared her views. LGBT lessons have also sparked months of Birmingham protests by mainly Muslim parents.

Henge is Turk built

THE builders of Stonehenge were descendants of Turkish migrants, DNA tests have revealed.

A study found ancient Britain was mostly populated by people who had crossed the Med before arriving here in 4,000BC.

They started farming and introduced the practice of erecting monuments with large stones, UK researchers believe.

Stonehenge was built in Wiltshire around 1,000 years after the Turkish travellers arrived via Spain and France.

Experts said the existing British hunter-gathering population was almost completely replaced.

'Delilah' Les dies

VETERAN singer Sir Tom Jones hailed songwriter Les Reed, who has died at the age of 83.

Les co-wrote two of his biggest 1960s hits, Delilah and It's Not Unusual.

Voice star Sir Tom, 78, said the writer's music would "live on forever".

Les also helped pen Engelbert Humperdinck's The Last Waltz.

And he co-wrote Leeds! Leeds! — the B-Side to Leeds United's 1972 FA Cup final single. Better known as Marching on Together, it has become a terrace anthem.

Reed, born in Woking, Surrey, leaves a daughter and two grandsons.

SNAKE'S TAIL-BACK

A corn snake was saved after bringing the M25 to a crawl when it was spotted slithering along the hard shoulder in Kent.

F.A: STAR NEEDS HISTORY LESSON



Genocidal nut . . . Hitler's salute

Lamentable ignorance
... Hennessey in pic.
Below, in action

Dopey ace let off as he didn't know what a Nazi salute is

HELL TWITLER



SCHOLES RAP

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or manager. Professor Ellis Cashmore said: "This could destroy him. If the FA wants to make an example they could ruin him."

The FA yesterday hinted it was taking a hard line by saying there were "no parameters" to the potential punishment if an independent panel rules that ex-England midfielder Scholes, 44, broke the rules.

It is understood none of the bets between August 2015 and January this year involved Salford FC. But

strict FA regulations forbid betting on any teams by players, managers, owners, staff or officials.

Scholes is a TV pundit for BT Sport. He was manager of Oldham Athletic for just 31 days, resigning on March 14.

Sports expert Prof Cashmore, of Aston University, said: "If this were proved to be true it would be completely foolish by Scholes."

"Everyone knows the rules and that gambling is seriously clamped down on."

BUTT NICKED

By ANDY JEHRING

PAUL Scholes' ex-teammate Nicky Butt was arrested at his home yesterday following claims he had assaulted a woman.

Butt, 44, head of Manchester United's youth academy, was in custody yesterday evening.

He has been married to wife Shelley since 2008 and the couple have two children.

Greater Manchester Police said: "Police were called at around 2pm to reports that a woman had been assaulted." It



is understood that United officials are trying to establish what happened. Butt, below, made 387 club appearances from 1992 to 2004.

He became academy head in 2016 and has been credited with the emergence of the likes of Marcus Rashford. His arrest came hours before United's Champions League defeat to Barcelona last night.

Total Messi — SunSport

By TOM WELLS
Chief Reporter

GORMLESS **goalie**
Wayne Hennessey
escaped punishment
over an alleged Nazi
salute — as he
claimed not to know
what it was.

The Crystal Palace star, 32, was snapped on a team night out with his right hand held aloft and his left hand across his top lip.

But at an FA hearing Hennessey "categorically denied" performing the notorious gesture.

The disciplinary panel yesterday also revealed the clueless keeper barely knew anything about Adolf Hitler, fascism or the Nazis.

Details of Welsh international Hennessey's "lamentable degree of ignorance" emerged in the committee's reasons for letting him off.

Chairman William Norris QC noted: "Mr Hennessey categorically denied that he was giving a Nazi salute."

"Indeed, from the outset he said that he did not even know what one was. Improbable as that may seem to those of us of an older generation, we do not reject that assertion as untrue."

"In fact, when cross-examined, Mr Hennessey displayed a very considerable — one might even say lamentable — degree of ignorance about anything to do with Hitler, fascism and the Nazi regime."

Hennessey was photographed by a waiter during a dinner with other Palace players after an FA Cup match in January.

The pic was later posted on German teammate Max Meyer's Instagram.

It was deleted after striker Connor Wickham flagged it to Palace staff, saying it "did not look good".

Hennessey said he raised his right arm to attract the attention of the waiter, who was called Jordan Bussolini.

He then insisted he was "cupping" his left hand around his mouth to "make his voice carry".

He submitted photos of him on the pitch with his arms in the air as evidence of "gestures he often makes on the field of play".

The three-man FA panel slammed Palace's investigation into the incident, saying it "did not impress us".

But it dismissed the case against Hennessey by a majority of two to one — then advised him to brush up on his history.

Mr Norris wrote: "All we would say (at the risk of sounding patronising) is that Mr Hennessey would be well advised to familiarise himself with events which continue to have a great significance to those who live in a free country."

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SAYS

A bad dream

CHIEF Eurocrat Donald Tusk calls a second referendum an achievable “dream”. For Britain it would be a nightmare.

He has a habit of letting the Brussels cat out of the bag. By suggesting every delay to Brexit makes a second referendum more likely, he's done it again.

It's something for MPs to reflect on before they return to Parliament.

Do hard Brexit Tories really want to continue their 21st century version of the Charge of the Light Brigade, rushing into a vote that would be the final triumph of the Remain establishment?

And do those Remainer MPs who put leaflets through doors in 2017 promising to respect the vote really want to face the wrath of voters in a future General Election, after they've disregarded the biggest democratic mandate the country has ever seen?

A second referendum would destroy the public's faith in democracy. The early stirrings of that will no doubt be seen in the European elections, when the two major parties will surely receive an almighty kicking.

The lesson is clear. Pass a deal – only one of which realistically exists – do it quickly and deliver on 17.4 million votes.

The consequences of failing to do so don't bear thinking about.

Tragic warning

THE devastation of beautiful Notre Dame must be a wake-up call in Westminster.

For years, staff working in the Houses of Parliament have warned that the building is on the brink of disaster. It already requires 24-hour fire patrols and is packed full of patchwork wiring that could go up at any moment.

The news that grandees are planning to delay a much-needed restoration for years, then, is deeply concerning.

Not especially because of Parliament's current inhabitants – indeed we cannot think of a more sorry bunch of MPs and Peers to have ever sat on its benches, making a dog's breakfast of Brexit and then swanning off on holiday.

Nor are we pretending that in an ideal world we wouldn't rather spend the refurbishment money on more worthwhile priorities.

But the idea of Parliament burning long into the night is one we don't want to contemplate.

This decision can't be kicked into the long grass any longer.

TIG mistake

IT'S another momentous day for those political whizzes in The Independent Group.

Fresh from having their preferred name knocked back, they've now been told their logo isn't allowed either.

Perhaps, rather than being an anti-Brexit party, they might consider something better suited to their organisational skills.

A boozy night at a brewery, perhaps?

LIKE ST PAUL'S WAS A SYMBOL OF DEFIANCE DURING THE BLITZ...

Let this ghastly fire relight pride in our Christian values



STANDING PROUD...
St Paul's in
The Blitz,
Dec 1940

WHEN last at Notre Dame in Paris, I lit a small candle to the memory of a loved one and quietly offered prayers under its flickering light.

On Monday evening, most terribly, flames on an impossibly larger, more savage scale licked through that ancient cathedral, destroying its roof timbers, toppling its spire and reducing its historic interior to a smouldering shell.

Any fire has a hypnotic quality. Any blaze has destructive power. Yet the Notre Dame disaster leaves a greater sense of obliteration. Just look at the crowds of Parisians, many of them youngsters, who wept and clutched one another and sang mournful hymns as they watched Monday's devastation.

Their grief, and the awed horror of countless millions around the world who saw events unfold on TV, was not the normal reaction of onlookers rubber-necking at an accident. The loss of that old building left a deeper anguish. Why?

James Mates, reporting for ITV's News At Ten that night, proved his value when he reached for an explanation.

"Our time here is brief," said Mates. "These structures – the greatest creations of mankind – are supposed to be permanent. Few can have imagined seeing one destroyed before our eyes."

Precious concepts

These were good words. Notre Dame dates to the 12th and 13th centuries.

To stand beside such an edifice reminds us of our human smallness.

The great cathedrals of Western Europe took centuries to build. Beside such projects, the longest human life feels butterfly-short. You run a hand over the old stones of a place like Notre Dame and you are struck by a sense of your own impermanence.

You don't have to be churchy to feel this way. There are other forces at work in our Notre Dame agony, emotions that a modern broadcaster might hesitate to mention. Notre Dame contained more than altars and crosses and pews.

Its walls sheltered things far greater than the priceless artworks which burned. Notre Dame was a repository of the concepts of civilisation and nationhood and beauty and Christianity.

It may be politically incorrect to say so but Monday's fire, to many of us, felt like a metaphor for the recent conflagration of those precious moral



By
Quentin Letts

concepts. French president Emmanuel Macron, who rushed to the scene, had this to say: "Notre Dame is our history, our literature, part of our psyche, the place of all our great events, our epidemics, our wars, our liberations, the epicentre of our lives."

Macron announced a national project to rebuild the cathedral because, "it is our profound destiny". All this was noble and fair. But measure it against the record of the liberal political class he embodies. The Macrons and Merkels of this world – like the Blairs and

hated it. Much-loved vistas were destroyed and our capital cities' skylines were wrecked when mayors approved show-off skyscrapers.

We were told to be ashamed of past national historical triumphs such as the British Empire, which was allegedly racist and supremacist. Tradition was bad. Different was good.

How come such leaders appreciate antiquity and the values represented by a great cathedral such as Notre Dame only when it has gone up in smoke?

One of the defining images of the Second World War was that photograph of St Paul's Cathedral at the height of the Blitz, the dome standing proud amid Hitler's bombs. The picture captured an idea of British defiance, of our country's decency withstanding a Nazi dictator's barbarism. It still makes one's neck prickle with patriotism.

What will we in future feel when we see that image of Notre Dame ablaze on Monday night?

Might it come to represent the torching of Christendom in Europe?

Spiral of neglect

It is said that the Paris fire brigade was slow out of the traps. Might that be a metaphor for a wider carelessness by politicians who have seen our culture in peril and failed to act?

It is no great secret that churches in France and other continental countries have been in a spiral of neglect for decades. A few years ago I visited a major church in Coutances, northern France, and found dead pigeons on the floor and broken panes in the windows.

We have done better in Britain where, despite financial problems, our cathedrals and parish churches continue to be a great glory. The Church of England gets plenty of things wrong but it deserves credit for this.

That Notre Dame and some of her treasures have been destroyed in Holy Week, as though roasted in the very fires of Hell, is a challenge to our already-dented morale.

It seems cruel and may leave churchgoers agape as they try to identify the Almighty's purpose.

If God is working his purpose out, He has an odd way of going about it.

But Easter is about renewal. Maybe that should be our pointer.

Let this ghastly fire act as a spark to our resolve to relight a sense of pride in Europe's Christian tradition.



HISTORY IN FLAMES... Notre Dame yesterday

Camerons and Cleggs and so many other equivocating cultural cowards – have long preached secularisation.

They have diluted Christian values in our laws and public life.

One recent Archbishop of Canterbury even told us it might be a good idea to have sharia law in Britain.

These political leaders have imposed education systems that fail to teach youngsters to be proud of Western art and religion. They have scoffed at national pride and national flags (you may remember Labour's Emily Thornberry mocking the St George's flag) and lied to us about the federal element of the European Union.

Out of sheer political dogma, post-war politicians bigged up modernist architecture, even though the public



Michelle... and John

Couple who tied knot for not a lot

By HELEN KNAPMAN

THRIFTY John and Michelle Walton managed to get married for just £1,100 – even though the average wedding costs almost £20,000.

Michelle bought a second-hand wedding dress for £15 that she paired with white trainers and the register office cost the newlyweds £212.

The couple, both 50, also spent £600 on a lunch reception for 70 friends and family at a pub garden in Newport, Isle of Wight.

Michelle said: "Some weddings cost thousands but this was my fourth and John's second so we knew we wanted to make it simple and cheap."

The couple's big day was £18,300 less than the average wedding, which according to Brides magazine costs £19,400.

Job pals stress us

COLLEAGUES are a major cause of stress at work, a study suggests.

Many blame others for not doing their job properly, with understaffing and inexperienced workers adding to their angst.

A third of 1,000 adults surveyed blamed pressure from their manager and performance targets for stress, insurance firm MetLife UK found.

Its employee benefits director Adrian Matthews, said: "Staff are telling us a major cause of stress is people they work with."

"Either there are not enough of them or they're failing to deliver, making it harder for others."

Kaye tax fight win

LOOSE Women star Kaye Adams has hit out at the taxman for wasting public money after winning her legal battle over a £125,000 bill.

She said the case had been both "emotionally and financially bruising".

Kaye, 56, was ordered to pay more than £81,000 in tax and £44,000 in National Insurance from work she did at the BBC.

She successfully argued she was self-employed, like Lorraine Kelly who won a similar case over £1.2million last month.

But Kaye said she spent tens of thousands in legal fees, which she will not get back.

LITTLE PROFIT

Charles Dickens' former home, Bleak House, in Broadstairs, Kent, is up for sale at £2.5million, half its 2017 asking price.

IT'S SPOTTY SPICE MEL

By JACK LING

MEL B sends a peace signal from the States as her Spice Girl bandmates rehearse for their tour in London.

The LA-based mum of three, 43, posed in a leopard-print bikini from home after upsetting Geri Horner by claiming they romped at the height of their fame.

Geri, right, responded by saying Mel "needs to keep her mouth shut".

Ginger, Mel C, and Emma Bunton have since been meeting to rehearse.

But Emma, 43, second right, told ITV's *This Morning*: "Mel B's learning the same steps and we FaceTime."



PAIR NICKED

SOLDIERS' CAR 'KILL BID' ON A SQUADDIE

EXCLUSIVE by CHRIS POLLARD

TWO soldiers have been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder after allegedly driving into another squaddie following a boozy bar brawl.

One of the accused is Louis Leteve – the boyfriend of former *Geordie Shore* star Stephanie Snowdon.

He and Jordan Peers, both 23 and in the Royal Artillery, are claimed to have drunkenly ploughed into the victim near a nightclub in Catterick, North Yorks.

The alleged target, who has not been named but serves with 2 Yorks, is in hospital with serious leg injuries.

All three had been told to leave the notorious Club Louis after a blazing row led to a fight.

Leteve – who lives with Stephanie, 26, on the Royal Quays in North Shields, Tyne and Wear – is said to have got into a white Peugeot with Peers.

They allegedly pursued the third soldier as he walked back to base.

The pair were held on suspicion of attempted murder, dangerous driving and drink-driving after returning to their barracks.

Both have been released on police bail until May.

A spokeswoman for North York-



Row... Leteve, Peers & Catterick base, left



shire Police confirmed: "We are investigating a serious collision between a car and a pedestrian at 2.30am on

Friday, April 5. Two men have been arrested and released on bail.

"The pedestrian, a 23-year-old man, remains in hospital having suffered significant leg injuries. Inquiries are continuing."

An Army spokesman said: "We are aware that two soldiers from the Royal Artillery have been arrested. As this is an ongoing investigation, it would be inappropriate to comment further."

Police have repeatedly called for Club Louis to have its licence revoked due to violence there.

They get more calls to incidents at the garrison club than any other bar or nightclub in North Yorkshire.

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SAJ: WIPE SLATE ON OLD CRIMES

CROOKS could have all petty crimes wiped from their records after a period to help them find jobs, Sajid Javid has said.

The Home Secretary wants to tweak laws that make people with more than one conviction disclose them forever to potential bosses.

The shake-up would affect offences such as minor assault, theft and drug possession. He said: "If a young person today commits two offences – for example, if they shoplifted twice aged 11 and 12 – that record can linger for years."

"They may find they never get a chance to turn around. We need to look again at issues like this."

Javid... shake-up plans



By EMMA JAMES

He said it was vital young offenders wanting to change were not barred from jobs and housing for life.

Supreme Court judges have called the rules on minor crimes disproportionate. A Law Commission inquiry has also urged a review.

Data from a five-year period shows there were over a million record checks on crimes at least 30 years old, committed by people aged ten to 25 at the time.

Mr Javid is also reviewing laws that say the Home Office must always tell employers about cautions or reprimands people received as youngsters for serious offences.

Measles up 300%

THE number of cases of measles shot up 300 per cent worldwide in the first three months of 2019, the UN has warned.

Experts put some of the blame on "anti-vaxxers" who wrongly claim there is a link between vaccinations and autism.

The World Health Organisation said cases had risen for two years and rates across Europe are their highest for a decade.

HAMMER HORROR

Police are hunting a hammer attacker who left a boy of 16 in a critical condition in Wolverhampton on Monday afternoon.

AS THAT CURSE



By HOWELL DAVIES

IN the week when Kevin Clifton's romance with Stacey Dooley was finally revealed, his other former Strictly dance partner Louise Redknapp has cut all ties with him.

Speaking exclusively to The Sun, she says the pair no longer speak and have unfollowed each other on social media, despite once being so close.

Their relationship was believed to have been a factor behind her 2017 split from her husband of 19 years, ex-footballer Jamie.

Backstage at the Savoy Theatre in central London, where she is starring in 9 To 5 The Musical, Louise says: "I haven't spoken to him for a long time. Most probably since the show started. Not since last year."

It's surprising, given that the pair remained tight after finishing runners-up in the 2016 Strictly final.

They competed together on the subsequent Strictly Live Tour and worked on dances for Louise's 2017 New Year's Eve show at London club G-A-Y.

They were also pictured socialising with pals after watching Cinderella The Ballet in London days earlier.

During that time, Kevin's marriage to fellow pro Karen Clifton ended and the pair reportedly sought comfort with each other while experiencing relationship woes.

In April 2017, just four months after Louise and Kevin's Strictly run, The Sun told how her marriage was in trouble. She later moved out of the home she shared with Jamie and their sons Charley, 14, and Beau, ten, before divorcing in December.

'It wasn't to be'

Before Louise, Kevin, 36, had been partnered with Good Morning Britain host Susanna Reid, who later split from her partner of 16 years.

And last weekend The Sun on Sunday revealed Kevin had triggered an unprecedented break-up hat-trick after Stacey, 32, dumped her boyfriend Sam Tucknott for him.

Louise, 44, struggles to deny that the infamous Strictly curse is real, but says: "It's really hard to pass judgment when you don't know someone's situation."

"I haven't spoken to Kevin in a long, long time and I've never met Stacey, so I have no idea."

"Everyone has a different experience, everybody does the show for different reasons, everyone is looking for something different. There's curses everywhere, no matter what job."

Reflecting on recent series, she says: "They go and do their thing, they go on with it. I don't watch it."

"I haven't involved myself. I didn't really carry on any major friendships or anything, apart from Rob Rinder."

Louise may not want anything to do with the BBC series now, but the former singer with Nineties girl group Eternal certainly credits Strictly for inspiring her return to the stage, having since relaunched her music career and transformed herself into a West End star in her current musical.

On her divorce, she says: "I don't have regrets. It would be nice if things could have been different but no regrets. If you think about regrets, you can't move forward."

"If there was a way things could have been worked out, that would have been nice, but it wasn't to be."

"Nobody wants to put themselves or anyone they love through any sadness or difficult times but things happen."

"Relationships break down all over the world every day. It's sad but it's just reality."

After putting her own career on ice for well over a decade to be a full-time mum, her stint in Strictly gave Louise a new lease of life.

She now has a deal with Warner Records, has proved herself as an actress and has become a music scout

...ON DIVORCE

‘It'd have been nice to work things out. But I've no regrets’



HUBBY... Louise and Jamie in 2013

...ON CAREER

‘If you told me I'd have all this, I'd have said: Don't be stupid’



SPOTLIGHT... Louise in 9 To 5

...ON TV ROMANCE

‘There's curses everywhere... no matter what job you do’

with an ongoing mission to sign new artists.

But when I ask if her divorce is bittersweet because of the exciting new career opportunities she has pursued since, she is adamant it is not the case.

Welling up under a black Balenciaga baseball cap, she says: "You can never compare any career to your family and the love you might have felt for someone. It comes nowhere close."

"But at the same time I have a huge amount of passion for what I do and I work really hard at it."

"I think anybody that's been through any hardship in their life,

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STRIKES AGAIN

BRIGHT RED-KNAPP
... Louise is an actress,
singer, songwriter, talent
scout and West End star
Picture: PAUL FARRELL

CLOSE... Louise
with Kevin in
Strictly in 2016

I've not spoken to Strictly Kevin for a long, long time SAYS LOUISE REDKNAPP



IN STEP... Kevin
and Stacey win
last year's Strictly

KRIS BACKS STACEY FLING

STRICTLY pro dancer Kristina Rihanoff has defended Stacey Dooley over her romance with TV partner Kevin Clifton.

She said on Good Morning Britain: "There's always going to be someone hurt or feeling that what is happening is wrong."

"But people do meet at work, and that's where we work. Literally everything we do around the year."

"It's a very, very intense show, emotionally, physically, in every single way."

Russian Kristina, 41, has herself fallen victim to the Strictly curse twice, dating boxer Joe Calzaghe, then her current boyfriend, former England rugby union star Ben Cohen, after meeting them as dance partners on the show.

whether it be a break-up or a divorce or they have lost someone or whatever, you wouldn't be human to not feel devastated about it. "My family are very important to me. Yeah, of course there were days that were really tough, but you soldier on." Louise has channelled her heartache into her new album *Heavy Love*, out in October, which features comeback single *Stretch* – her first in 16 years. She says: "It is a sexy song and it was so hard because there's been so much speculation on my life. I

think it would have been very easy to come back with a real personal song or a dig – but that's just not me.

"There's really personal songs on the album and songs that people will read into how they wish."

'Living the dream'

"But they're not all about what people think. I'm very honest about how I felt."

"There's a song called *Breaking Back Together* and I know everyone's going to think, 'Is it about Jamie?'"

"Actually it was everything my mum said to me over about a

three-month period when I was sad and struggling – *'Not gonna lie, it's going to hurt but you'll break and you'll get (yourself) back together'*."

"But there's some songs on there that aren't what people might think, if you listen deeper. It goes a lot deeper."

For now though, Louise has no new male interests to inspire any love songs, whereas Jamie has been pictured with a new woman by his side, model Lizzie Bowden, 34, which *The Sun* revealed last week.

Louise says: "I get asked so often, 'Are you dating?' I'm like no, which is really sad."

Then, pointing across the room to

her manager and publicist, she continues: "I'm always with this lot – I never meet anyone."

"I've got the bulldogs around me, everyone is too scared to come anywhere near me. I've literally got my gay army around me."

Now Louise is embracing every opportunity that comes her way – and cherishing every second of it.

She adds: "I'm so happy. If someone had said to me three years ago that I'd be sitting here in the bar of the Savoy, with a record that's done great, and starring in a show, I'd have laughed and gone, 'Don't be so stupid.'"

"I'm slightly living the dream."

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● **ALCOHOLIC** Victoria Parry smashed into three cars while driving three times over the limit.

Yet despite having two previous drink-drive convictions, she was given a suspended sentence by a judge to give her a chance to mend her ways.

The judge at Warwick Crown Court added: "If Miss

Parry was a man, there is no question it would have been straight down the stairs [to the cells] because this is a shocking case of dangerous driving."

Not to mention a shocking case of imbalanced justice.

Women quite rightly want equality, but that doesn't mean just cherry-picking the nice bits.

● **YOU'VE got to love EastEnders stalwart June Brown.**

She's been smoking for 70 years, is a big fan of red wine, Guinness and dark chocolate, and is about to star in ITV's *Hard To Please* OAPs, in which she and other celebrity pensioners test new gadgets. "I'm going to die of

something fairly soon so why not enjoy myself," says the soon to be 93-year-old.

When she eventually does slip this mortal coil, let's hope that – along with the seemingly indestructible Keith Richards – she donates her Teflon-coated insides to medical science.

TOUGH
... June



● **HIGH** street retailer Next is to introduce in-between jeans sizes.

So, if you can't quite fit into a 12, but find a 14 a bit roomy, then a 13 will be available.

Fabulous. Now let's extend it to the shoe market, where half sizes have all but vanished from high street shelves. I'm

a six and a half, but repeatedly face the choice between a six that makes me walk like a clawed-foot, vampiric troll or a seven, where I either have to stuff loo roll in the ends or shuffle around like Mrs Overall to stop them flopping off my feet.

Not a good look, I think you'll agree.



007 CALL ... Phoebe

PHOEBE'S HARDEST MISSION

THE unstoppable Phoebe Waller-Bridge has been drafted in to help with the script for the next James Bond movie.

Phoebe, who wrote *Killing Eve* and *Fleabag*, was brought in by producers after original director Danny Boyle quit because of "creative differences" over the script.

A source says: "Phoebe was brought in to save it and she has." Hmm.

One humbly suggests that Bond fans will be the judge of that.

● **RECORD** numbers of women in their forties are giving birth. I'm one of them, having a "last hurrah" (aka my youngest), at the age of 41.

The downsides are more wrinkles and less energy.

But the upsides are more wisdom and, if you have older children like I do, built-in free babysitters.

What's not to like?

Caroline, say 'wees'

THE photogenic goddess that is Elizabeth Hurley once taught me how to stand when being photographed.

As you ask, one leg forward, hips swivelled slightly to one side to make them appear narrower and shoulders facing the camera square on.

Since then, I've noticed that most celebrity women have a certain stance they adopt when faced with a bank of photographers at events.

For some it's the slight "knee pop" that makes your legs look better, for others (with flat stomachs) it's the side angle, while those who think their back is their best feature do the coy, over-the-shoulder rear stance.

Caroline Flack, pictured here at a restaurant launch in Manchester this week, invariably adopts the "ankle cross" position for every red carpet arrival, to flatter her legs.

Either that, or she has a bladder the size of a peanut and desperately needs the loo.

Let's hope baby convinces Meghan a family is vital



CHARMING new photographs have emerged this week of Meghan as a child.

They show her looking deeply contented alongside her mother, father, grandmother, uncle, cousins and friends.

But most of all, just like the snapshots from most family albums, they show her surrounded by love.

Quite the opposite impression, in fact, to that given by Prince Harry when he famously commented before their wedding that the royals were, "the family I suppose that she's never had".

We know that Meghan has cut off contact with her father Thomas Markle since he was caught out colluding with the paparazzi and, with it, the rest of his deliciously off-message family.

But what of her beloved mother Doria's side, who seemingly haven't put a foot wrong?

The newly released photos were provided by Doria's half-brother Joseph Johnson, who says: "I think this is a good time for the world to see the other side of Meghan's family – the positive side, not the degenerative side – and for them to be part of her story."

Indeed. Indeed. But none of them made the 800-strong guest list for Meghan and Harry's wedding either and, for reasons unknown, she is no longer in touch with them.

Joseph says his wife and other relatives were "miffed", but that he's more philosophical.

"Meghan has her own set of friends now. They were the ones she invited. I guess you could say they are Hollywood royalty. People in the spotlight, and that's what her life is about," he says without bitterness.

Admirably magnanimous of him,

but how sad that they are no longer part of her life.

Perhaps the imminent arrival of Meghan's own baby will finally prompt the realisation that relationships with the wider family – however irritating or otherwise some of them can be – are fundamentally important in shaping a child's life.



CUTE ... little Meg

● **"PET-NUPS"** are reportedly on the rise as the biggest, er, bone of contention in a quarter of divorces is who gets the family pet.

Not at Moore Towers.

The two biggest causes of bickering are:

a) Whose turn it is to walk the dog?

b) Whose turn it is to clean out the goldfish tank?

Talking of which, earlier this week I nearly had a coronary when I read about the goldfish that lived to 44. But I digress.

Were The Bloke and I ever to frequent the offices of Sue, Grabbit & Run for divorce talks, one suspects the biggest bone of contention would be who *doesn't* get the pets.

● **BUSINESSMAN** Hans Vriens has launched a herbal drink he claims will help you get a good night's sleep.

Interestingly, Mr Vriens is the former director of energy drink company Red Bull, which does anything but.

It's the latest example of profitable hypocrisy.

Alongside a beauty industry that sells make-up to young girls who want to look older while flogging anti-ageing products to women who want to look younger, and a food industry that flogs junk food while simultaneously peddling us diet products.



COMEBACK ... Tiger

TOUGH BATTLE FOR ALL

GOLFER Tiger Woods has bounced back from, among other downfalls, a drink-driving arrest to win the US Masters.

Likewise, TV star Ant McPartlin is back on our screens looking happy and healthy after a long stint in rehab.

They are both testament to the fact that a fall from grace doesn't have to be permanent.

But of course, both men had access to unlimited financial resources, meaning they could take the time they needed and pay for whatever physical or mental therapy was required.

For others less well off, the decline in adult mental health services can mean that recovery is a far steeper, uphill battle.



CHILLED ... Jack

● **BILLIONAIRE** Twitter founder Jack Dorsey starts each day with an ice bath at 5am, avoids breakfast, eats just one meal on weekdays and avoids all food over the weekend until Sunday night. Cripes. No wonder he looks so miserable.

IT'S TIME TO UNMASK ONLINE TROLLS

PARENTING forum Mumsnet has been ordered to reveal the identity of a user accused of trolling a transgender activist.

The instruction came via a High Court order which will have

involved time, effort and, presumably, a hefty legal bill for both sides.

Moving forward, wouldn't it be far easier (and make the online world a nicer, more measured

place) if everyone was legally required to be identifiable rather than hiding behind an anonymous moniker?

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Advice... Dragon Jenny

£2bn bill for failing to switch fuel deal

By ADAM BENNETT

BRITS overspend by £2billion a year on their energy bills because they fail to change suppliers, campaigners say.

More than 11million households stay for at least a year – missing a potential annual saving of £187, says auto-switching site Look After My Bills.

The Sun revealed how households have been hit with 11 price rises from April 1, with the average annual bill up by £117.

Customers who switch avoid pricey standard variable rates.

Look After My Bills was launched last year after its founders struck a deal on Dragons' Den.

Dragon Jenny Campbell said: "So many people are too busy to switch every year, meaning they get punished with ever-increasing, non-competitive energy bills."

An odds couple

A FOOTIE-mad fiancé has paid for his wedding with a winning £5 bet.

Teacher Craig Barlow netted £10,000 on an accumulator after he correctly predicted ten teams in five matches would score before half-time.

Craig, 40, is putting his winnings towards marrying dance teacher Harriet Gingell.

He said: "It's brilliant to win so much from just a small stake – and great timing with the wedding coming up next year."

Craig, of Waton-le-Dale, Lancs, can also pay for a honeymoon, which the couple had feared they could not afford.

Sarge in spray hell

A POLICE sergeant suffered serious injuries to his eyes, throat and lungs after being sprayed in the face with ammonia.

He was among officers called to a domestic incident early yesterday.

His attacker fled the home in Darwen, Lancs. A suspect was arrested.

The sergeant was still in hospital yesterday.

Six colleagues suffered less serious injuries from the liquid, which in concentrated form can lead to blindness and burns.

Chief Constable Andy Rhodes said: "It shows how officers put their lives on the line every day to protect people."

BIN FOR A MEAL

Over-60s leave more food on their plates when eating out than younger diners, a poll for BusinessWaste.co.uk shows.



PROBABLY THE
BEST PICTURE OF
THIRSTY KIRSTY
IN THE WORLD..

THIRSTY Kirsty Gallacher lounges in the sun... with nothing stronger than a glass of water. The booze-shame TV host, 43, is in Dubai ahead of her London Marathon run this month. She said: "Lots of rest and relaxation as well as the all-important training of course." In 2017, she was nicked for being three times the drink-drive limit at 11am and banned.

Ale tale...
Sun in 2017

CARLSBERG ADMISSION ON BEER

**Probably ^{NOT} the best
lager in the world**



CARLSBERG has finally admitted its beer is "probably not" the best in the world, after all.

And the brewer has come up with a new recipe.

Its "Probably the best lager in the world" slogan has been around since the Danish company introduced its drink to the

By DANIEL JONES
Consumer Editor

UK in 1973. But drinkers increasingly disagreed, mocking its taste as sales fell.

Now, a new £20million advertising campaign declares: "Probably not the best beer in the world. So we've changed it."

After the change to the ingredients and brewing method, the

lager has been rebranded as Carlsberg Danish Pilsner.

It has the same alcohol content of 3.8 per cent but a "crisper, fuller flavour".

Carlsberg UK marketing chief Liam Newton said: "Drinkers' interest in mainstream lager has waned because, though the world has moved on, the mainstream category hasn't."

"At Carlsberg UK, we lost our

way. In order to live up to our promise of being 'probably the best beer in the world', we had to start again."

A week ago, Carlsberg began promoting tweets mocking the taste ahead of the new ad campaign. They included the comments that it was like breadsticks, naan bread or "bath water your nan died in".

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Arts earn us £10bn

THE UK's arts sector is worth £10.8 billion — and earns more for the economy than agriculture, a report claims.

More than 360,000 jobs are thought to be linked to cultural activities.

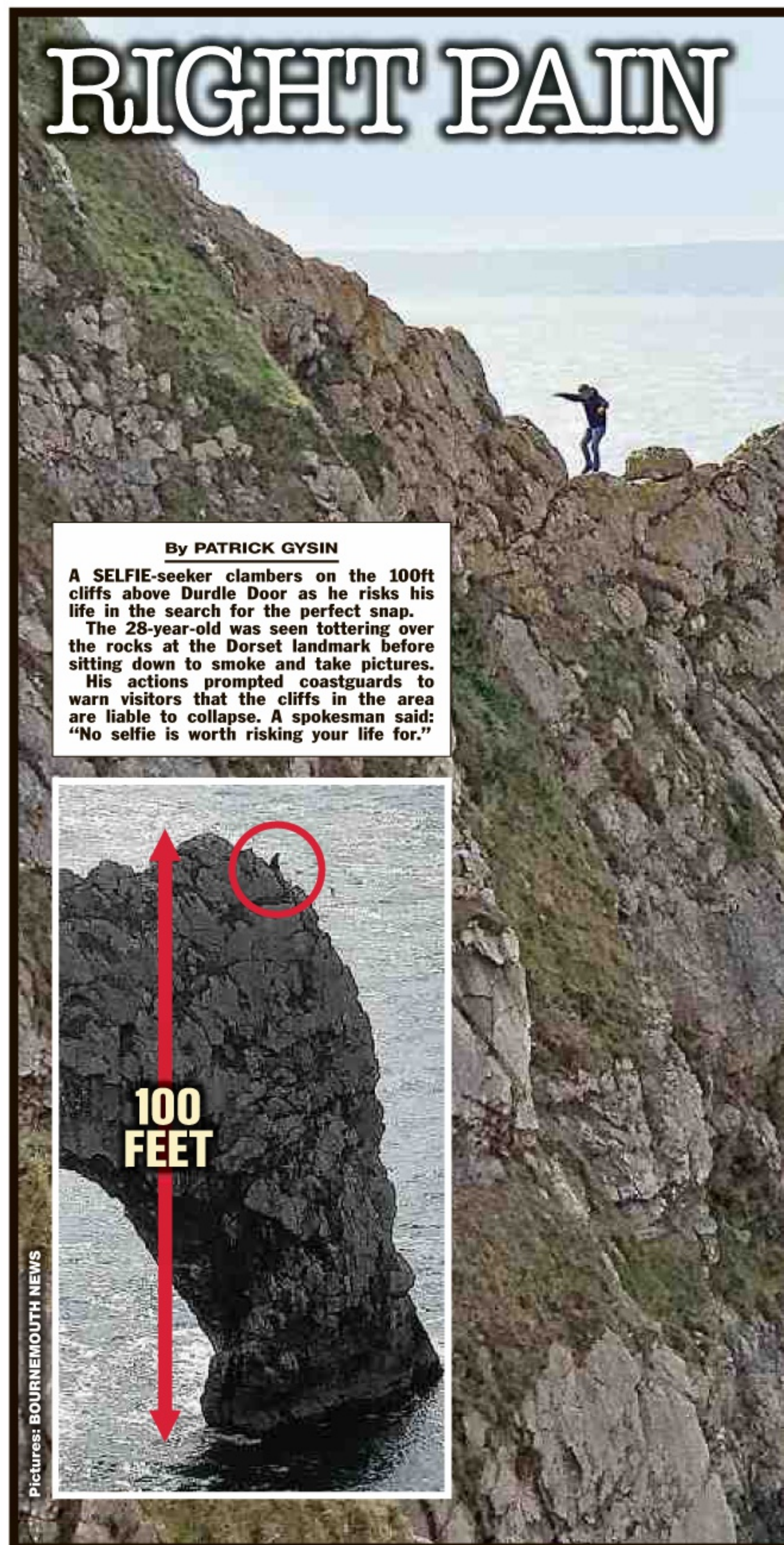
Book publishing contributes most to the coffers, then performing arts.

Arts Council chief Sir Nicholas Serota said: "Arts and culture is a thriving industry."

CATFISHING

Four kittens trapped in a gap between two walls were rescued with a child's fishing net in Llanynafon, South Wales.

RIGHT PAIN



By PATRICK GYSIN

A SELFIE-seeker clambers on the 100ft cliffs above Durdle Door as he risks his life in the search for the perfect snap.

The 28-year-old was seen tottering over the rocks at the Dorset landmark before sitting down to smoke and take pictures.

His actions prompted coastguards to warn visitors that the cliffs in the area are liable to collapse. A spokesman said: "No selfie is worth risking your life for."

Pictures: BOURNEMOUTH NEWS

100 FEET

DUCHESS BABY MANNY

'Looking for a US aide...who may be male'

THE Duchess of Sussex wants an American to help look after her baby — and would be happy with a manny, it was reported last night.

Meghan, 37, is said to have made it clear to recruitment staff that she and Prince Harry, 34, are considering a male nanny — a royal first.

The heavily pregnant American has reportedly instructed them to find a candidate able to start in the next

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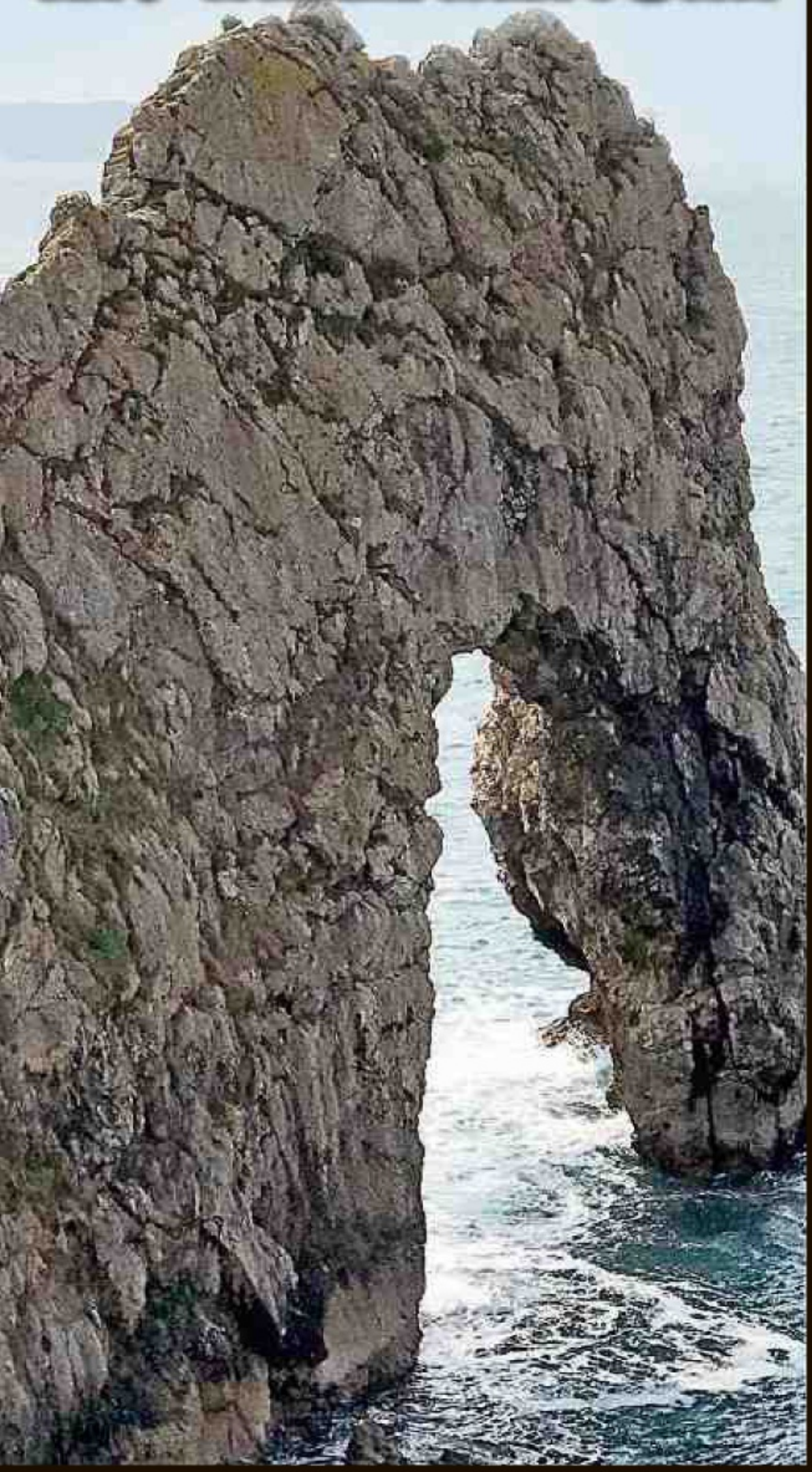
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IN THE ARCH



HELPER SHOCK FOR MEG

By **EMMA JAMES**

three months. A source told the Daily Mirror: "Meghan and Harry have clear ideas on how to bring up their children. Meghan was clear in telling recruiters she favours an American over a Brit and wants them to feel part of the family rather than a uniformed member of staff. "That is important to her. She's never hidden the fact that she is fiercely proud of her American roots. They are

Proud American . . . Meghan



keen to explore the possibility of a male nanny.

"The worker will earn up to £70,000 a year, depending on experience." It is thought Meghan and Harry will interview candidates, with the successful nanny based at the couple's new Frogmore Cottage home in Windsor. William and Kate hired Maria Teresa Borrall, a Spanish graduate of the Norland College for nannies, which has long been favoured by the royals. Buckingham Palace was unavailable for comment.

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£21.6m to blast fund

AN appeal launched after the Manchester Arena bombing reached a final total of £21.6million.

Most of the cash raised by the We Love Manchester Emergency Fund, which stopped taking donations in January, went to families of the 22 killed in the 2017 attack.

Trustees said the remaining £1.1million will be given to those who suffered significant injuries, for ongoing care.

GNASH LANDING

Sailor Brian Wilkins, 84, lost his false teeth when his mobility scooter knocked him into the sea in Weymouth, Dorset.

ONLINE ORDEAL OF HANGED GIRL

By **ANDY JEHRING**

A GIRL of 12 was overwhelmed by the pressures of social media before she hanged herself, a coroner said yesterday.

Jessica Scatterson posted morbid messages online before her friends alerted cops.

They rushed round and shouted to her dad, who found her body surrounded by soft toys in her room.

Jessica had said she was being bullied at school and police found unpleasant messages between pals on her iPad.

Coroner Alan Moore said: "It is clear to me that Jessica must have felt emotionally overwhelmed at the time she took

Morbid messages . . . Jessica

her own life. The level and the intensity of her activity on social media, in particular in the build-up to her death, cannot have failed to have influenced her thinking, her state of mind and her intentions."

Jessica spoke to teachers at her school in Warrington, Cheshire, about her difficult home life after she became estranged from her mum.

School welfare worker Wendy Walsh told the Warrington inquest that social media put young people under extreme pressure. She said: "Young people don't have the skills to cope with such overwhelming emotions." Verdict: suicide.



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RECORD NUMBER IN WORK

457,000 more in year

MORE people are in work than at any time since records began.

Employment jumped by 179,000 in the three months to February to 32.7million.

It means the figure has increased by 457,000 in the past year and is at its highest since 1971.

The rise is due to an increase in those in full-time jobs or who are self-employed. But record numbers of women over 50 are also staying in work.

Employment Minister Alok Sharma welcomed the figures but said: "We must not take this for granted. We need to work urgently to get behind a Brexit deal that protects this record."

The Office for National Statistics figures show unemployment fell by 27,000 to 1.34million. It is at its lowest rate since

By MARTIN BECKFORD

1975. Meanwhile, there are 4.9million 50-plus female workers – double the number in 1994.

Wages have risen 1.6 per cent in a year to an average £465 a week –

but it is still £8 less than before the 2008 crash.

Leader of the TUC Frances O'Grady called it "the longest pay squeeze for 200 years".

32.7M
The number of people with jobs...the highest since 1971



BLOOMIN' PLUMING

WORKER Maria Constantinescu is up to her neck in Easter flowers. She surveyed blooms at Neame Lea Nurseries, in Spalding, Lincs, as a plume of warm air from the continent was set to push temperatures up to 75F (23.8C) this weekend.

Boozers' love drug

ALCOHOLICS could be treated with a nasal spray containing "love hormone" oxytocin.

Scientists found booze-dependent lab rats cut their consumption when given the chemical.

They said the hormone – taken up the hooter – dampened down brain receptors believed to be stimulated by alcohol.

Oxytocin is normally produced during bonding behaviour, including sex and breastfeeding.

Researcher Dr Brendan Tunstall, of the National Institutes of Health, Maryland, US, said: "This provides evidence oxytocin likely blocks enhanced drinking."

Hay fever GP blast

DOCS are getting snuffy with patients who book needless appointments for hay fever.

GPs say up to 90 per cent of visits from summer pollen sufferers should be dealt with at a chemist instead.

Last year almost 50,000 runny-nosed Brits visited their GP in June for a consultation averaging seven minutes.

That is the equivalent of 6,000 hours of wasted surgery time, said the Asda Pharmacy study.

Dr Ranj Singh, from TV's This Morning, said: "Allergies like hay fever can be really problematic but can often be dealt with by a pharmacist."

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MONKEY HORROR

Planet of Apes as docs put human DNA in macaques

SCIENTISTS have put human intelligence genes into monkeys — and been accused of “appalling recklessness”.

Critics said the Chinese experiments were like something from Planet of the Apes. Docs “modified” 11 rhesus macaque monkeys to carry the MCPH1 gene — a key piece of DNA linked to human brain

By **NICK McDERMOTT**

development. In trials, the genetically-modified monkeys did better on memory tests.

Lead researcher Dr Bing Su, from Kunming Institute of Zoology, said the aim of their research was to better understand human brain power.

He said he hoped the findings would one day help to cure brain conditions such as autism. But Western scientists were

horrified. US geneticist Professor James Sikela said: “It’s a very risky road to take — a classic slippery slope issue.”

His University of Colorado colleague, bioethicist Jacqueline Glover, added: “You just go to the Planet of the Apes immediately in the popular imagination.”

“To humanise them is to cause harm. Where would they live and what would they do? Do not create a being that can’t have a meaningful life.” British

scientists warned the research could end up leading to human designer babies. Dr David King, of watchdog group Human Genetics Alert, said: “China has been pushing hard in this direction for 20 years.”

“We must agree a global ban on designer babies.” The research was published in the National Science Review. nick.mcdermott@the-sun.co.uk



Trials... rhesus monkey. Left, Planet of Apes

Big conk a bonker

UNFAITHFULNESS can be judged from a man’s face — but not a woman’s, according to research.

Both sexes identified cheaters by looks in tests. They made above-chance judgments using “straying” features including square jaw, strong brow and wide nose.

Dr Yong Zhi Foo, of the University of Western Australia, said: “It could be an evolved adaptation for identifying potential cheaters and poachers.”

WALKER BROTHERS

Brothers Alex and Nicholas Harrison, six and eight, will walk the London Marathon course to fundraise for the homeless.



Dog found 135 miles out at sea

Swimming pooch rescued by oil rig worker



By **DAN SALES**

A DOG enjoys a paw for thought after being rescued 135 miles from shore.

The shivering pooch was spotted by oil rig workers in the Gulf of Thailand and swam to them when they called out.

He has been named Boonrod, after the Thai word for survivor, and is now doing well at an animal shelter in Songkhla, in the south of the country.

The mongrel is believed to have fallen from a boat. So no wonder he’s glad to be bark on dry land.



Fur from home... Boonrod & rescuers

DRUG WAIF RAP

A DRUGS gang used runaway kids as young as 13 to carry heroin and crack from London to Exeter.

The youngest boy was hurt jumping from a first floor window to escape cops. The county lines drug runners also included a “little white girl” aged 14.

Exeter crown court heard police traced the gang through their mobiles by ordering drugs.

Five men from East London, aged 19 to 25, admit conspiracy to supply. Two deny it. Case continues.

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SUPPORTERS claim Bristol City are “ripping off” fans by selling official club Easter eggs “worth £1.25” in boxes printed with the team logo — for £7.

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MOLLIE'S SO JOLLY WITH STU

MOLLIE KING looked as though she'd been totally bowled over by England cricketer **STUART BROAD** during a day out in London.

The couple, who briefly split last year, were spotted laughing as they walked the Radio 1 DJ's toy poodle Alfie.

Mollie and Stuart were introduced by pals in March 2018 and have recently been pictured browsing the windows of estate agents, hinting they are planning to move in together.

THE SATURDAYS singer previously dated model **DAVID GANDY** for five years and was linked to her Strictly Come Dancing partner **AJ PRITCHARD** in 2017. But the TV pair insisted at the time there was no romance between them and they were just friends.

Bowler Stuart made a move on Mollie following his split from model Bealey Mitchell.

bizz meter



TWENTY ONE PILOTS, **DAVE** and **FOALS**, below, have been added to the line-up for Radio 1's Big Weekend at Stewart Park, Middlesbrough. The festival, on May 25 and 26, will also feature performances from **MILEY CYRUS**, **STORMZY**, **LITTLE MIX** and **THE 1975** for the 64,000 fans.



BEBE REXHA has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. In a series of tweets, the Last Hurrah singer said: "I'm bipolar and I'm not ashamed any more... This next album will be my favourite album ever because I'm not holding anything back. I hope you accept me as I am."



WHO knew **DRAKE** was an opera fan? The Canadian rapper has said Caruso, by **LUCIANO PAVAROTTI**, is one of his go-to songs. Drake revealed his liking for the late tenor on the Radio 1Xtra Rap Show. It has to be the Italian's first play on the station since Nessun Dorma got to No2 in 1990.



TO honour their homecoming, Manchester Arena is to be renamed the **TAKE THAT** Arena for a week. The lads will play there for five nights from Monday as part of their UK tour. The band have done 46 performances at the venue, more than any other act in its history.



KENDALL: I ENVIED BOOBS

EVEN **KENDALL JENNER** has been intimidated by the curvy body image portrayed by her family the **KARDASHIANS**. She has admitted she felt she needed



to be "more sexy" like sisters **KIM**, **KYLIE**, **KHLOE** and **KOURTNEY**. The trim model, whose figure has earned her millions, like the rest of the

clan, said: "They have boobs and I don't have boobs. Growing up being this little, twiggy girl, I saw my sisters and thought, 'oh no am I supposed to be more sexy like them?'. 'I almost felt like I didn't fit in.'"

OUTSIDER... model Kendall

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● J-Lo film
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SIMON BOYLE'S

Harper

bit

IN a case of Don't Cluck Back In Anger LIAM GALLAGHER has joined the list of celebs who have dropped in for the Lemon Pepper Chicken Wings at hot new central London fast food joint Wing Stop.

R KELLY could be thrown in jail after failing to cough up child support money.

The disgraced singer, who pleaded not guilty to sex assaults in February, faces more legal trouble after missing his past two payments, it is claimed.

Kelly, who has the equivalent of -£10 in his bank account after £114,000 was seized for back rent, has to pay £15,962 to ex Andrea Kelly and their three kids each month.

He was caged last month for failing to pay child support but released when someone bailed him out.

The R&B singer is alleged to have run a cult and was charged with sexually assaulting three teenage girls and a woman.

MY TEAM: Howell Davies, Ellie Henman, Joe Kasper and Bryn Morgan-Hughes



Picture: DENNIS LEUPOLD

RIRI'S
A TRUE
BLUE



RIHANNA shows she's got very deep pockets – in a blue bejewelled dress. The singer looks sensational in a Chanel Haute Couture number in the May issue of fashion mag Harper's Bazaar.

Editor-in-chief Glenda Bailey gushed about her cover star: "The multi-talented artist, entertainer and entrepreneur wears museum-worthy masterpieces ranging from rainbow Givenchy to embellished Chanel with a confident ease."

Rihanna has been focusing on expanding her Fenty Beauty cosmetics line. But this year she is set to drop her first album in three years.

From this photoshoot, it might have a bluesy influence.

Rob's expensive Vegas job interview

MOST big names with a sell-out Las Vegas residency will coin in millions.

But **ROBBIE WILLIAMS** has made zilch from his – after blowing the budget on the gigs to finally try to make a name for himself stateside.

Rob, who just quit The X Factor with his wife **AYDA FIELD**, said of the gigs at the Encore Theatre: "This is a calling card."

"I'm making no money in Vegas. I am spending more than I am being paid."

"It's just me going, 'Check this out. This is what I can do. Would you like me to come back?'"

The former **TAKE THAT** star wanted to take on the 15-date residency hoping it would change perceptions of him across the pond.

During his latest show he told the audience: "Why didn't you tell your f***ing friends about me?"

"I want to be famous in America. I do not want to be infamous in America for not being famous in America."

"I want **ELLEN DEGENERES** to know who I am. I wondered if you Americans knew some of my songs? I go all around the world entertaining."

"I am a global f***ing phenomenon, except in America... F***ers!"

And he joked: "People often compare me to **FRANK SINATRA**. They say, 'Robbie, compared to Frank Sinatra you are s***', and I cry."

"I wanted to do rock 'n' roll. I wanted to be **THE WHO**, the **ROLLING STONES**, but I'm more **BOB HOPE**."

Si plans a big Xmas present

CELEB'S BIG RECORD DEAL PRIZE

IT'S the boldest overhaul in The X Factor's history.

SIMON COWELL is hoping to turn around the show's fortunes with celebrity and all-star versions of the competition.

And I can reveal he is hoping to transform the fortunes of a star name during the celebrity show – offering a big money deal with his Syco record label and a shot at the Christmas Nol as a prize.

Simon has set aside £3million to bring big names on board – and is even trying to coax pal **AMANDA HOLDEN** to try her luck.

Reality favourite **GEMMA COLLINS** is also on the hit list, plus soap stars, former musicians and TV presenters.

An insider said: "Simon knows that getting the right stars to enter is the key to its success."

"So to make that more appealing he's decided to put a proper record deal with Syco on the table for the winner, with serious money behind it."

"It's a proper competition and they want people who can really sing but who are big personalities too."

Simon previously revealed to me this year's show will be replaced by the celebrity special plus an all-star edition featuring former X

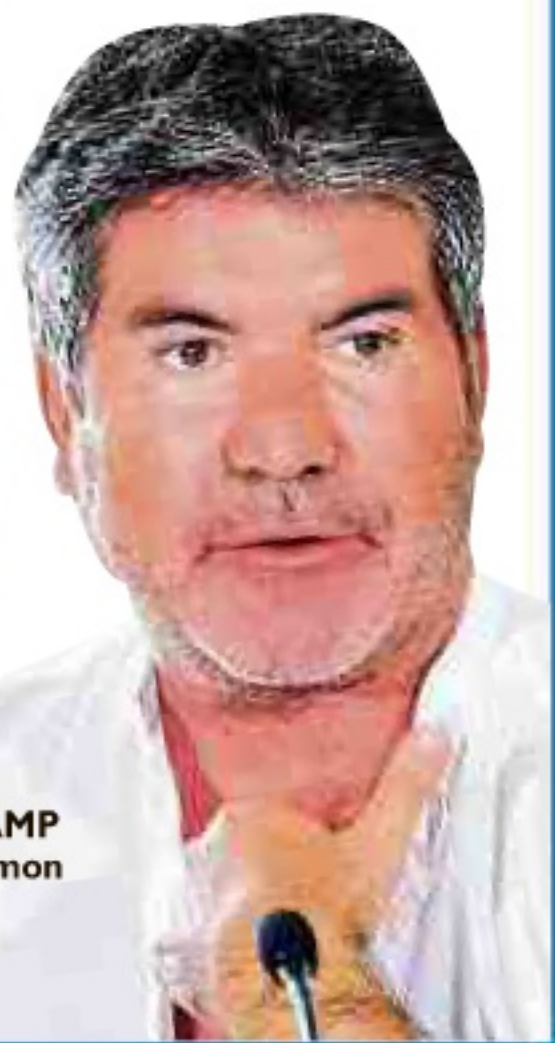
Factor contestants. Sadly judges **ROBBIE WILLIAMS** and his wife **AYDA FIELD** have turned down a £10million deal to return to the new shows.

ITV bosses are believed to have offered big money to **LOUIS TOMLINSON** to return.

But it's now likely there will be two different panels for each show version – with three judges on each.

It's a big gamble, but if Simon gets the celebrity version right it could be exactly what the series needs for a new lease of life, although the wrong mix of Z-listers and desperate nobodies could spark catastrophe.

No pressure then.



REVAMP... Simon

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Got cross buns

...AND OTHER EASTER TREAT BARGAINS

ALREADY sick of chocolate in the run-up to Easter?

Eggs may get all the glory, but there are plenty of other festive eats to be enjoyed on the cheap - who could forget the humble hot cross bun?

Stock up with these Easter treats to save cash over the bank holiday weekend.

Hot cross buns: Whether you enjoy yours plain or with lashings of butter, head to Tesco to where all buns are two packs for £2 - usually priced at up to £1.50 for a pack of four, depending on the flavour. If traditional buns don't float your boat, they have alternative options including salted caramel, maple syrup and blueberry, fudge and chocolate, apple and cinnamon and orange and cranberry.

Yum.
SAVING: Up to £2

Cheep treats: Not a fan of chocolate? You can still enjoy a festive sugar hit with Swizzels

Squashies Drumchicks. The chick-shaped squishy treats are free from artificial colours and flavourings and cost just £1 for a 160g bag at Morrisons - a saving on buying them at Ocado for £1.29.

SAVING: 29p

Lamb: Looking forward to an Easter roast? Lamb is typically the meat of choice for Easter weekend, but it needn't set you back a fortune. Head to Morrisons and nab a half leg of New Zealand lamb for just £7.56 - saving nearly 50 per cent on Waitrose's New Zealand half leg of lamb, £14.79.

SAVING: £7.23

Simmel cake: If you've not baked yourself the traditional Easter treat they can be tricky to come by on the high street. But you can still enjoy a slice for less by popping to Waitrose, where they're selling Simmel cakes that serve ten for just £8. This is a huge saving when compared to fancy Fortnum & Mason's version at £25. Even better, make your own. However, this is only better value if you're going to reuse the leftover ingredients again for cake-making.

SAVING: £17

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Reader's saving tip

LORRAINE ALLEN, from London, says: "Instead of buying a gadget to remove bobbles from clothes, just use a normal razor. It works just as well and is much cheaper."

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Yvonne case bid

A SUSPECT in the murder of PC Yvonne Fletcher may finally be questioned in court.

Dr Saleh Ibrahim Mabrouk was served papers in the High Court by lawyers this week.

He is being sued by John Murray, a police officer who cradled dying Yvonne, 25, in his arms 35 years ago today.

Mr Murray is seeking £1 damages for post-traumatic stress caused by the shooting at the Libyan embassy in London.

But he wants to force the ex-Col Gaddafi aide to answer questions in court. Dr Mabrouk, who denies involvement, has been living in Berkshire.

Eye's ten tumours

A GIRL of two had her eye removed when ten tumours were found in it.

Mum Elly Smith, 38, took Gracie Corrigan to the docs after seeing her right eye "glow" in a pic.

Specialists diagnosed the rare cancer retinoblastoma and operated on her the next day.

Mum-of-four Elly, from Oregon, US, said Gracie was "so resilient" - while she was "a mess".

Three years on and Gracie is now cancer-free - with a prosthetic eye.

Elly said: "She has taken her spare eye in for show and tell! She has such an amazing spirit - she helped our family get through this."

EASTENDERS EXCLUSIVE

Caravanny Dyer



Cap that... Danny & son in park, right

STAR SET TO BUY IN PARK

DANNY Dyer is set to buy a caravan at a Sun Holidays camp.

The EastEnders star was spotted looking round the family complex where readers can often stay for as little as £9.50.

Buying a caravan at the Bunn Leisure park, in Selsey,

By JAMES MILLS

West Sussex, costs from £17,395 to £239,999.

Danny, 41, was snapped on Saturday in the restaurant with five-year-old son Arty.

Holiday lets firm Sunny Selsey Holidays posted on Facebook: "Anyone recognise the man in flat cap?"

CS Holiday Lets wrote:

"Danny Dyer is having a holiday at Bunn Leisure - a few excited ladies on site."

The dad of three and wife Jo, 42, are said to have visited several times in the past.

The camp has a pool complex, gym, sauna, footie pitches, basketball and tennis courts, kids' clubs and evening entertainment.

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SCAN TO BATTLE BREECH BIRTHS

GIVING all pregnant women an ultrasound scan at eight months would prevent 15,000 breech births annually, a study reveals. It would also save eight newborn lives each year, experts estimate. A breech birth is when a baby's bum or feet emerge first rather than the head, raising risk of complications. Research on 3,900 expectant mums by Cambridge and East Anglia universities reveals midwives and doctors failed to spot the problem half of the time. If picked up, medics could try to turn the baby head first, or organise a caesarean

Safer . . ultrasound at 36 weeks



By NICK McDERMOTT, Health Editor

section. Dr Ed Wilson, of UEA, said: "Routine scanning could prevent around 15,000 undiagnosed breech presentations, more than 4,000 emergency caesarean sections and between seven and eight baby deaths per year." The study, in journal PLOS Medicine, says by cutting complications the scans would pay for themselves. The NHS offers only two scans as standard, at around 12 weeks and 20 weeks. Prof Basky Thilaganathan, of the Royal College of Obstetricians, said: "This study demonstrates the health benefits of scanning at 36 weeks."

£3k-a-yr hols bills

BRITS spend £3,216 on holidays each year — with two in five taking at least three, a survey says. Those aged 25-34 pay £3,729 for trips. A quarter of them enjoy five or more a year. Two in three of us pay with savings. But two in five snub travel insurance. Half of those blame that on "not going away for long", 2,000 people told Co-op Insurance.

SHELLING OUT

Half of adults would pay extra for Easter eggs packed in eco-friendly cardboard rather than plastic, a survey found.

NOT A SIZE 50? YOU



HANDBAG
Fold the pants diagonally, then tie them at the top to create a handle. Load it up with goodies.



COSY SHAWL
Holding the pants behind you, put one arm through each leg hole and shrug on to your shoulders.

Fasshion tips for big pants



MINI SKIRT
Turn the pants upside down, fold the gusset towards you, wrap the fabric around your waist, tying at the back.



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Pull on pants so they sit over your chest. Wrap spare fabric around yourself and tie in knot at the back.

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Hold pants upside down, put an arm through leg hole and head through other. Tie excess fabric at the back.

TALK about a brief encounter - here is our model trying on the world's biggest knickers.

We told on Saturday how a small Cornish business is selling pants in a SIZE 50.

Owner Laura Murray, from Penryn, launched The Size Experts last year after struggling to find suitable undies for

herself. Not something for you, think again. We've found plenty of ways you can still put them to good use.

ABBY McHALE gives a round-up of what else you can fashion out of the bloomers, with Yasmin Holly, 26, from Hertfordshire, modelling the finished look.



PANTY LINE
... our story



IN GOOD
KNICKS...
Yasmin tries on
size 50 undies

Pictures: OLIVER DIXON

RASHER OF BACON A DAY IS DEADLY

BACON and sausages pose twice the cancer risk as previously thought, a study suggests.

Just 25g of processed meat daily - equal to one rasher or two-thirds of a banger - raises the chance of getting bowel tumours by a fifth.

It is half the amount the World Health Organisation (WHO) previously said posed the same danger. But Oxford University's Prof Tim

By **SHAUN WOOLLER**

Key said: "Most previous research looked at people in the 1990s or earlier and diets have changed significantly since. Our study gives a more up-to-date insight that is relevant to meat consumption today."

The WHO classifies processed meat as carcinogenic to humans and says 50g a day raises the risk of

bowel cancer by nearly a fifth. The latest findings come from analysis of the diets of half a million people aged 40 to 69 over six years.

It showed the danger rose by 20 per cent with every 25g of processed meat eaten each day.

The study also found eating fibre in cereal and bread cut the risk - but booze increased it.

Cancer Research UK's Dr Julie Sharp said: "It's never too late to make healthy changes to diet."



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Sexism list... Hannah

Girl doc told: Be brunette

By NICK McDERMOTT

A BLONDE medical student claims she was told to dye her hair brown if she wanted to be taken seriously as a doctor.

Hannah Yard, 24, says she was advised by an admissions tutor that she had to come "across the right way" at an open day at Bristol University. She said: "He said that to be taken seriously, I probably needed to dye my hair brunette."

The incident is in a catalogue of sexism that Hannah, of Southampton, has logged on Twitter.

She says she gets mistaken for a nurse, was dubbed Blondie on a placement and was repeatedly told "good girl" for answering questions.

A surgeon told her: "It's nice to have something to look at across the operating table".

Hannah, now studying at Cardiff University, said: "It isn't acceptable."

Bristol insisted it is committed to an ethos of welcome and respect.

Car dobs in drinker

A DRINK-driver was caught after cops were tipped off - by his car.

The smart BMW saloon's emergency call function alerted cops its airbags had been deployed after hitting a kerb.

Officers who found the driver over the limit in Burnley, Lancs, on Sunday tweeted: "Technology is a wonderful thing."

JUDGE AND JURY

Judge Keith Cutler has been excused from jury service because he was to preside over the case at Salisbury crown court.

THEY'VE ALL GUN CRAZY



CANNON ODDER



THESE trigger-happy machine gun owners have a blast in a two-day event dubbed the biggest shoot-out in the world.

A million rounds were fired as 20,000 enthusiasts took aim at abandoned cars and oil drums with Tommy guns, Uzis and AK-47s in the US. Vintage cannons and flame

By NICK PISA

throwers were also used at the aptly named Knob Creek Gun Shoot in Bullitt County, Kentucky. The waiting list for the event is up to ten years.

One shooter described it as "Disneyland with guns". And he's not taking the Mickey.

BLOWN AWAY



ONE WAY TO GET A BIG RISE... SIN THE MONEY



Tools downed... Secrets club and Quinten, right

EXCLUSIVE
by STEPHEN MOYES

STRIPPERS at a club run by ex-Corrie star Chris Quinten have boosted their wages after going on strike.

More than 20 nude dancers at Secrets were furious when Quinten, 61, changed rules

Strippers on strike at Corrie star club

about what percentage of the money they charged punters went to the club.

They claimed it meant their earnings were cut by half -

and when the club in Hammersmith, West London, refused to listen to their gripes they downed tools.

After staging a one-day strike the club agreed to make

changes. One stripper said: "Our strike proved a success and we got what we wanted - fair rights and wages."

"This is an important step towards fair labour laws for strip club dancers."

Quinten, who played Brian Tilsley in Corrie, moved into strip club management after leaving the soap in 1989. He worked at Covent Garden's Stringfellows club for a spell.

At Secrets a three-minute nude table dance costs £30. Half an hour with a stripper and champagne is £350.

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Dog plug ad is rot

A TV ad for a plug-in diffuser to calm anxious dogs has been banned over a lack of evidence that the devices work.

A viewer questioned Ceva Animal Health's claims for Adaptil that it could help mutts relax and improve behaviour.

The Advertising Standards Authority ruled that studies submitted by Ceva did not provide significant proof and said the ad must not appear.

NAILED BY BALACS

A would-be thief got a suspended jail term after being caught with three balacavas in a heatwave near Warboys, Cambs.

STILL TO COME IN **THE Sun**



Line Of Duty's Vicky is 'new Attenborough'

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Fabulous DAILY

We rate Fifty Shades author's new bonkbuster

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Tired by exhausts

LOUD exhausts are the most hated car modification, a poll reveals.

Lowered suspensions come second, followed by giant spoilers, then banging sound systems and flash paint jobs.

A fifth of the 2,000 people quizzed by Money-SuperMarket said the drivers were "compensating for something" by souping up their motors. The firm added that modified cars cost a typical £95 extra to insure.

COO-OP BANK

Barclays apologised to locals after a pigeon trapped in its branch in Kendal, Cumbria, set off alarms for eight hours.

AS STEPHEN MERC



By **MIKE RIDLEY**

HIS shark eyes locked in an intimidating stare, the transformation of comedy actor Stephen Merchant into the Grindr Killer is truly chilling.

The 44-year-old plays convicted murderer Stephen Port in upcoming BBC drama *The Barking Murders*.

Port is responsible for taking the lives of Anthony Walgate, 23, and Gabriel Kovari, 22, both fashion students, chef Daniel Whitworth, 21, and forklift driver Jack Taylor, 25.

He met his victims on gay dating apps between 2014 and 2015, lured them back to his place in Barking, East London, then killed them with lethal doses of the drug GHB before raping them and dumping their bodies in the street or local graveyard.

At the Old Bailey in November 2016, 6ft 3in Port, 44, got a whole life sentence, the same as Fred and Rose West, Ian Brady and Myra Hindley.

Even more shocking than seeing *The Office* and *Extras* funnyman in such a sinister guise, are the revelations of Ryan Edwards – a friend and neighbour of Port for 11 years.

Housing association manager Ryan, 40, always thought Port was an oddball, but never suspected he was living next to a serial killer.

In an exclusive interview with *The Sun*, he says: "When people interview the neighbours of killers they always say, 'He seemed so normal'."

"Stephen never seemed normal. I always thought his interest in men was bordering on unhealthy, but then you never expect it to result in killing. There's no doubt he was odd – especially his other creepy obsession, his love of children's toys."

'The police have blood on their hands'

Ryan firmly believes that if police had properly investigated Gabriel's death in August 2014 after his body was dumped in a graveyard, Port's last two victims would still be alive.

He blasts: "The police have blood on their hands. They should be ashamed of themselves."

Detectives initially failed to link the four deaths, despite many striking similarities. The findings of an inquiry into police incompetence will not be released until after a new inquest into the deaths in September.

Ryan had text evidence of how Port tried to cover up the death of his second victim – but only realised its relevance when it was far too late.

Two days after murdering his Slovakian boyfriend Gabriel, Port began fabricating a story in texts to Ryan, who had met Gabriel, about his disappearance.

First he said Gabriel had met another man. He then texted to say Gabriel had gone to Spain and died of an unknown infection two weeks later. He begged Ryan not to post the news on Facebook or mention Gabriel's death to anyone.

Ryan says: "What kind of a calculating mind can kill someone and, over a two-week period, put together an elaborate web of lies to cover their tracks?"

"I pride myself on knowing everything that goes on in the local community. If I wasn't aware that these horrific things were happening then it was clear the police weren't making any effort investigating them. They did no house-to-house inquiries or tell anyone Gabriel was dead."

"If I'd known his body had been found I'd have gone to the police and shown them Stephen's texts with this dubious story



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REVELATIONS... Port's neighbour Ryan Edwards

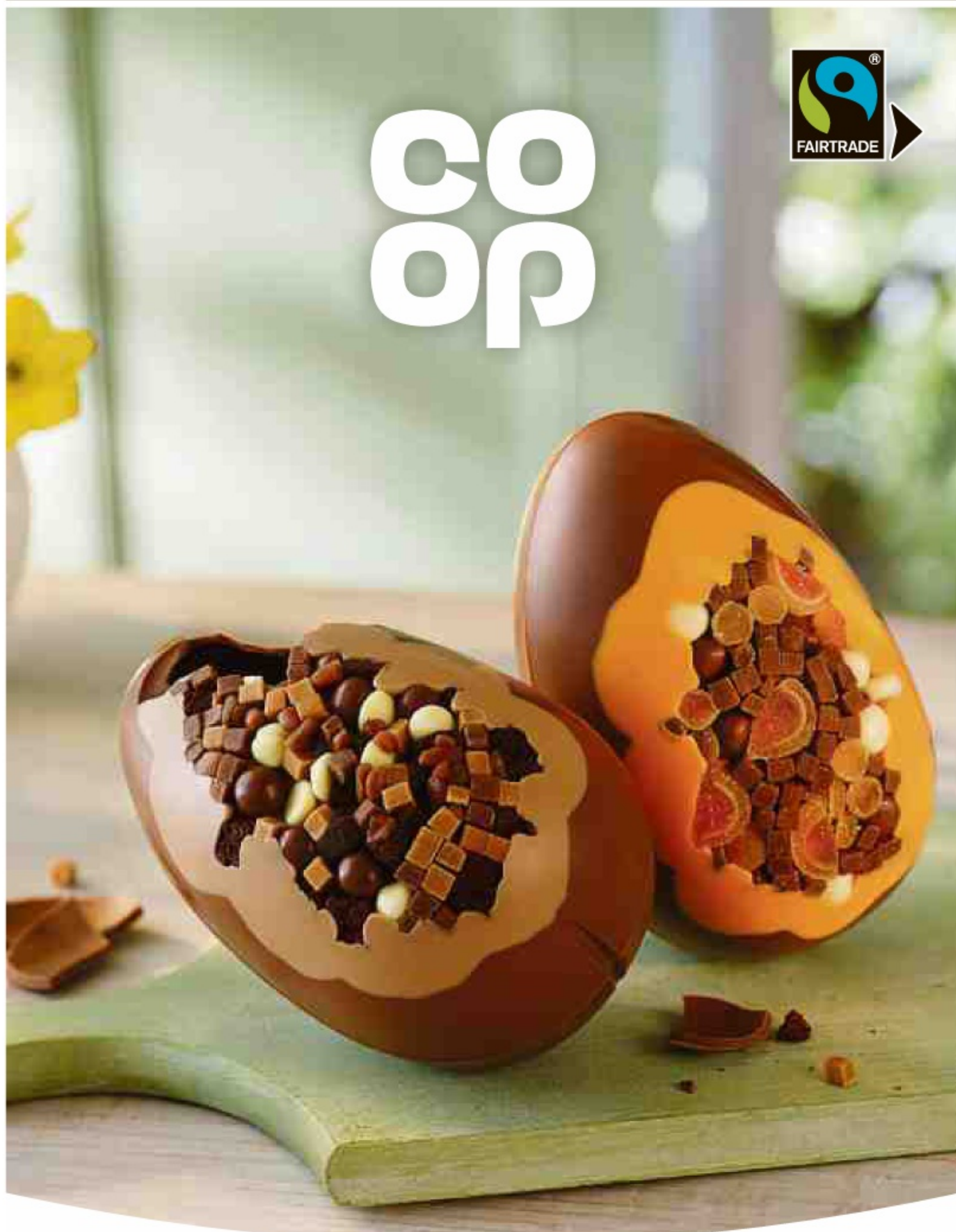
about a how a healthy young man had died of a virus. "I feel mighty angry at the police. Port's fourth victim, Jack Taylor, would certainly still be alive, and possibly his third, Daniel Whitworth too, if they had investigated properly."

The police certainly missed several chances to nail Port – even when he was banged up.

In 2015, Port spent ten weeks in Pentonville Prison for lying to police.

He falsely claimed he didn't know Anthony Walgate, from Hull, whose body was found outside

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his flat. Cops did not realise Anthony was Port's first victim. And it was another 15 months before the police realised they had a serial killer on their hands. By then four victims were dead.

Ryan says: "When he came out of his spell in jail for perjury, I told Stephen why he'd been inside. He texted: 'Sixty seconds of mistake and I lose ten weeks of my life. That's not a remorseful man regretting what he's done. At that point he clearly thought he'd got away with it and he went on killing.'"

Ryan first met Port in 2005, when the chef moved into a ground-floor flat in the block opposite in Cooke Street, Barking.

They became friends and went to venues together. Ryan believes he is still alive today because Port only had young lovers. He says: "He had

an insatiable appetite for young men, it was almost beyond promiscuity. Sometimes the guys he liked were barely legal, but I never dreamed he'd be a serial killer.

"He always picked a vulnerable type, either poor or in bad relationships, desperate to move out."

"Gabriel was unlike the vast majority of guys Stephen was picking up on dating sites like Grindr."

"He was tall, slim, quite good looking, well-educated and spoke good English. He had dreams to become a great artist."

"I felt he was someone who was going to go somewhere. It makes it all the more upsetting and tragic."

"Gabriel came to London on a tour of Europe and had the awful misfortune of picking Stephen to stay with. Not long after we met, Gabriel told me, 'I'm not happy at Stephen's.

Stephen is not a good man'. He never elaborated but I told him he could stay at mine while looking for other accommodation. Shortly after that his messages just stopped."

Gabriel was the only one of Port's victims that Ryan met but he did know some of his other boyfriends.

Ryan says: "They told me how he was controlling, manipulative and angry – a side I never saw."

'He would do anything to satisfy his sick pleasures'

"Stephen had a towering presence, a well-built guy and I wouldn't want to get into a fight with him."

He says one long-term boyfriend, Danny Adams, frequently called the police after being beaten up by Port.

Recalling one afternoon he called at Port's flat, Ryan says: "It took

Stephen ages to answer the door. He was under the influence of drugs."

"On the coffee table was this massive clear container full of phials of liquid and clear white bags of drugs. I'm sure the liquid was GHB."

"His boyfriend was like a zombie. He was so out of it he couldn't say a word, but he was like a zombie."

"I felt very uncomfortable and stayed for no longer than I had to before leaving."

"In 2014 Stephen was engaged to another boyfriend. At about 10pm I started getting messages from Stephen's account saying, 'Do you want to come round and have some fun?' Then he sent me a picture of this man naked, face-down in a foetal position. It disturbed me because it looked like he was dead."

"Later he said they were messing around, but that was just before the

murders began. By then he was losing his looks and would do anything to satisfy his sick pleasures. If that meant killing people it seemed to be a necessary by-product."

Ryan adds: "I always felt Stephen was stunted, like something happened in his teens that locked him in – a child's mind in an adult's body."

"He couldn't hold a conversation like an adult and he'd regularly make pilgrimages to Toys R Us in Beckton to buy kids' toys for himself."

"He loved Transformers, especially Optimus Prime. Once I bought a toy truck for him. He was coming to a party of mine and he sent it up and down the floor, like a child would."

"When I saw Stephen in the dock at the Old Bailey he gave me a weird expression. It was like a half smile – almost like a child who has been naughty and found out."



CHILLING...
CCTV of Port
with his fourth
victim Jack Taylor



SINISTER...
Stephen
Merchant as
Port in *The
Barking
Murders*

SELFIE... snap
Port used on his
dating profile

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PORT'S FOUR VICTIMS



1 ANTHONY WALGATE, 23
THE aspiring designer, originally from Hull, was a fashion student at Middlesex University. His body was found dumped outside Port's flat.



2 GABRIEL KOVARI, 22
FROM Slovakia, the fashion student briefly lived with Port. His family described him as a gifted artist who was "full of love and care for others".



3 DANIEL WHITWORTH, 21
A CHEF from Gravesend, Kent, Daniel's father described him as "an active and intelligent outdoors boy". Port planted a fake suicide note on his body.



4 JACK TAYLOR, 25
THE forklift truck driver lived with his parents in Dagenham, East London. He was not "out" as a gay man. His body was found in a Barking graveyard.

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tvguide Wednesday



6am Breakfast (S,HD)
9.15 Animal Park Easter Special
 The keepers are locked in a battle of wills with a Canadian timber wolf. (R,S,HD)
10.00 Homes Under The Hammer
 Property auctions. (R,S,HD)
11.00 The Sheriffs Are Coming
 Documentary. (R,S,HD)
11.45 Close Calls: On Camera (S,HD)
12.15 Bargain Hunt (R,S,HD)
1.00 BBC News At One (S,HD)
1.30 Regional News (S)
1.45 Doctors Karen finds herself taking on more than expected in her VPAS visits. (S,HD)
2.15 Curiosity Julia and Kevin from Cambridgeshire take on Edana and Jane from Yorkshire. (S,HD)
3.00 Escape To The Country From the East Midlands. (R,S,HD)
3.45 Home Is Where The Art Is Nick Knowles challenges three artists in Cheshire to create a piece for a mystery buyer. (S,HD)
4.30 The Repair Shop (S,HD)
5.15 Pointless Quiz show. (S,HD)
6.00 BBC News At Six (S,HD)
6.30 Regional News (S) Followed by **Party Election Broadcast By The Labour Party**



6.30 am The Repair Shop (R,S,HD)
7.15 Home Is Where The Art Is With Nick Knowles. (R,S,HD)
8.00 Sign Zone: Mary Berry's Quick Cooking (R,S,SL)
8.30 Gardeners' World (R,S,SL)
9.00 BBC News At 9 (S,HD)
10.00 Victoria Derbyshire (S,HD)
11.00 BBC Newsroom Live (S,HD)
1.00 The Boss (R,S,HD)
1.45 Back In Time For Dinner
 Double bill. The home life of the 1970s. Then, the home life and food of the 1980s. (R,S,HD)
3.45 The Hairy Builder Two episodes. Dave Myers helps restore an art deco monastery building in North Yorkshire. Then, Dave Myers visits the 18th-century Friars Mill in Leicestershire. (R,S,HD)
4.45 Eggheads Quiz show hosted by Jeremy Vine. (R,S,HD)
5.15 Flog It! From Gloucester Cathedral. (R,S,HD)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games With Beattie Edmondson, Amol Rajan, Gaby Roslin and Hugh Dennis. (R,S,HD)
6.30 Island Medics Behind the scenes at the Gilbert Bain Hospital in Lerwick. (R,S,HD)



6am Good Morning Britain News, current affairs and lifestyle features. (S,HD)
8.30 Lorraine (S,HD)
9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show Guests air their differences. (R,S,HD)
10.30 This Morning Celebrity chat and lifestyle features. (S,HD)
12.30 Loose Women Another helping of topical studio discussion from a female perspective. (S,HD)
1.30 ITV Lunchtime News (S,HD)
1.55 Regional News (S,HD)
2.00 Judge Rinder Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (S,HD)
3.00 Tenable Quiz hosted by Warwick Davis in which a team of five family members from Northumberland answers questions about top 10 lists from the realms of pop culture and general knowledge. (R,S,HD)
 Followed by **Local Weather**
4.00 Tipping Point Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S,HD)
5.00 The Chase Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S,HD)
6.00 Regional News (S,HD)
 Followed by **Party Election Broadcast By The Labour Party**
6.30 ITV Evening News (S,HD)



6.25 am Cheers (R,S,HD)
7.45 Frasier (R,S)
9.10 Everybody Loves Raymond
 Double bill. (R,S)
10.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA From New York. (R,S)
11.05 Car SOS (R,S,HD)
12.00 C4 News Summary (S,HD)
12.05 Come Dine With Me Dinner-party challenge from East London and Essex. (R,S,HD)
1.05 Escape To The Château: DIY
 Dick and Angel try to keep costs down when shopping for baths. (R,S,HD)
2.10 Countdown (S,HD)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S,HD)
4.00 A New Life In The Sun
 A bistro in Spain welcomes a very special guest. (S,HD)
5.00 Four In A Bed The third visit of the week takes place at The Black Boy Hotel in Sudbury. (S,HD)
5.30 Extreme Cake Makers Bakers Phil and Christine take on a very unusual commission. (S,HD)
6.00 The Simpsons Lisa gets her own TV show. (R,S)
6.30 Hollyoaks Kyle finds out that Nancy has been snooping on his laptop. (R,S,HD)



6am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine (S,HD)
11.15 Traffic Cops An elderly lady has collapsed in her bathroom, jamming the door shut. (R,S,HD)
 Followed by **5 News Lunchtime**
12.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! The agents chase almost £3,000 owed by Indian takeaway owners. (R,S,HD) Then **Access**
1.15 Home And Away (S,HD)
1.45 Neighbours (S,HD)
2.20 Murder, She Baked: Just Desserts Amateur sleuth Hannah investigates when a fellow judge at the Eden Lake Dessert Bake-Off is found murdered. Mystery starring Alison Sweeney. (2017) ★★★ (S,HD)
4.00 Friends Double bill. Chandler falls for Joey's new girlfriend. Then, Chandler gets to know Joey's girlfriend. (R,S,HD)
5.00 5 News At 5 (S,HD)
5.30 Neighbours Mark investigates the driver who almost killed Susan and Imogen. (R,S,HD)
6.00 Home And Away Dean breaks into the mailbox to retrieve the letter. (R,S,HD)
6.30 5 News Tonight (S,HD)

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7.00 The One Show
 Matt Baker and Alex Jones present the magazine show featuring reports from around the UK and celebrity guests. (S,HD)
8.00 Supermarket Secrets
 (2/3) Gregg Wallace examines how supermarkets are fighting to bring consumers their food on demand, and finds out how Ocado are using robots to revolutionise online delivery. (S,HD)
9.00 Earth From Space
 (1/4) Cameras in space tell stories of life on our planet from a brand new perspective, to reveal new discoveries and explore Earth's most remote habitats. In the first episode, satellites follow an elephant family which is struggling through a drought, reveal previously unknown penguin colonies, and discover mysterious ice rings that could put seal pups in danger. (S,HD)
10.00 BBC News At Ten (S,HD)
10.25 Regional News (S)
10.35 Glow Up: Britain's Next Make-Up Star
 (7/8) It is the semi-final, and the remaining make-up artists take on two musical challenges as they battle for a place in the final of the competition. (S,HD)
11.35 A Question Of Sport
 (36/36) A round-up of the best moments from the latest series of the quiz with celebrity guests joining team captains Matt Dawson and Phil Tufnell. (R,S,HD)
12.05 Celebrity Painting Challenge
 Jane Seymour, Laurence Llewellyn-Bowen, Phil Tufnell, Amber Le Bon, Josie D'Arby and George Shelley dabble in digital painting before tackling a cityscape of London. (R,S,HD)
 Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead**
1.10-6am BBC News (S,HD)

7.00 Antiques Road Trip
 (7/10) Two antiques experts are pitted against each other as they travel across the UK in search of bargains before heading to an auction to find out whose haul proves most popular with buyers. (R,S,HD)
8.00 Great British Menu
 (13/29) Gordon Jones, Lorna McNee and Ben Reade make their way to the kitchen for the Scotland heats, preparing their starters and fish courses. (S,HD)
9.00 MotherFatherSon
 (7/8) As the nation stands on the brink, Max finds himself under the spotlight after his newspapers take the blame for the murder of the Prime Minister's son. Kathryn must decide whether to make a huge sacrifice for the sake of exposing the truth and destroying Max's empire. Meanwhile, at Caden's Rehabilitation Centre, Orla is transferred to a secure unit following a second suicide attempt. (S,HD)
10.00 Island Of Dreams
 Harry Enfield stars in this one-off comedy as Richard Branson, living on a paradise island and helping to solve the problems of celebrity visitors including JK Rowling and Adele. (R,S,HD)
10.30 Newsnight
 Presented by Emma Barnett. (S,HD) Followed by **Weather**
11.15 Stephen: The Murder That Changed A Nation
 (1/3) Documentary examining the 1993 death of Stephen Lawrence, beginning with a look at events leading up to his murder and the police investigation that follows. (R,S,HD)
12.15 Sign Zone: DIY SOS - The Big Build (R,S,SL,HD) **1.15-2.15am Race Across The World.** Adventure series. (R,S,SL,HD)

7.00 Emmerdale
 Priya feels pushed out by Aiesha, and Harriet makes another disturbing discovery. (S,HD)
7.30 Coronation Street
 Gary meets a familiar face while collecting debts, Chesney and Gemma's caravan holiday starts badly, and Michelle lashes out at Robert. (S,HD)
8.00 Britain's Brightest Family
 (11/15) Having made it through to the quarter-finals, two families go head-to-head for a place in the semi-finals of the tournament, hosted by Anne Hegerty. (S,HD)
8.30 Coronation Street
 Sarah fears Gary will be implicated in the roof sabotage, Chesney catches Gemma fleeing Joseph at poker, and Nick diverts the police's attention from his crime. (S,HD)
9.00 The Bay
 (5/6) A confession to Lisa shines a possible new light on Dylan's killer. Meanwhile, Abbie has a terrifying experience with some local addicts. (S,HD)
10.00 ITV News At Ten (S,HD)
10.30 Regional News (S,HD)
10.45 Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport
 (6/6) Terminal 5 receives a very special visitor, leaving buggy driver Carlo starstruck, while British Airways has a new robot on the airfield. (R,S,HD)
11.10 LaLiga Highlights
 A round-up of the latest matches in the Spanish top-flight, including Huesca v Barcelona, Atlético Madrid v Celta Vigo and Leganés v Real Madrid. (S,HD)
12.10 British Touring Car Championship Highlights
 (S,HD) **1.25 Jackpot247** (HD)
3.00 Lethal Weapon (R,S,SL,HD)
3.45 Nightscreen (HD) **5.05-6am The Jeremy Kyle Show** (R,S,SL,HD)

7.00 C4 News (S,HD)
8.00 Location, Location, Location
 Kirstie Allsopp helps couple Rachael and Mark in Woking search for a new home, while Phil heads to Guildford to assist Indu and Jason in their property search. (S,HD)
9.00 Chimerica
 (1/4) Drama series starring Alessandro Nivola as an American photojournalist accused of doctoring one of his award-winning photographs. In the first episode, photojournalist Lee Berger's coverage of the conflict in Syria makes the front page, but crisis hits his career when a journalist exposes to the world that the image has been digitally manipulated. (S,HD)
10.00 Gogglebox
 Capturing the households' instant reactions to programmes including Our Planet, This Morning, Britain's Got Talent, Line of Duty, Blind Date, and 24 Hours in Police Custody. (R,S,HD)
11.05 First Dates
 Participants on the restaurant-based dating show include energetic 32-year-old owl sanctuary volunteer Krystal. Hosted by Fred Sirieix. (R,S,HD)
12.10 The Great British School Swap
 A predominantly white school and a mainly Asian school swap pupils in an experiment. (R,S,HD)
1.05 FILM Love, Rosie. A teenager worries about being separated from her best friend and realises she is in love with him. Comedy starring Lily Collins. (2014) ★★ (S,SL,HD) **2.50 Coast Vs Country** (R,S,HD) **3.45 French Collection** (R,S,HD) **4.35 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures** (R,S,HD) **4.55 The £100k Drop** (R,S,HD) **5.50-6.25am Countdown** (R,S,HD)

7.00 Secrets Of The National Trust With Alan Titchmarsh
 (5/6) The host visits Craggside, a Victorian estate in Northumberland, and the most innovative property in the National Trust's collection. (R,S,HD) Then **5 News Update**
8.00 GPs: Behind Closed Doors
 (29/43) Dr Akbani helps two women deal with a potentially life-threatening hereditary illness, and another patient is treated for severe back pain which affects his day-to-day life. (S,HD) Followed by **5 News Update**
9.00 Inside John Lewis: Profits & Problems
 A revealing documentary going behind-the-scenes of the British institution to reveal how the store rose to become a high street giant. With exclusive access to the brand's Oxford Street flagship store, the programme uncovers the inner workings of the company, and follows the work of its staff and the customers who visit the store. (S,HD)
10.00 James Bulger: The New Revelations
 Fresh evidence in the case of the toddler who was kidnapped in 1993 from a Liverpool shopping centre and murdered by 10-year-olds Robert Thompson and Jon Venables. (R,S,HD)
11.05 Britain's Cocaine Epidemic
 (1/3) Lifting the lid on the ordinary people who use or supply the drug. (R,S,HD)
12.05 Police Interceptors Kev goes on a high-speed pursuit. (R,S,HD)
1.00 Teleshopping (S,HD) **3.00 Access** (S,HD) **3.10 Wentworth Prison** (R,S,HD) **4.00 Cruising With Jane McDonald** (R,S,SL,HD) **4.45 House Doctor** (R,S,SL) **5.10 Great Artists** (R,S,SL) **5.35-6am Wildlife SOS** (R,S,SL)

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6am RSPCA Animal Rescue (R,S)
7.00 Animal House (R,S,HD)
8.00 Monkey Life (R,S,HD)
9.00 Monkeys And Apes: Wild Files (R,HD)
9.15 SO Beano! (HD)
9.30 Play Your Pets Right (HD)
9.45 Big Cats: Wild Files (HD)
10.00 The Athena (HD)
10.30 The Simpsons (R,S,HD)
11.00 Modern Family (R,S,HD)
12.00 NCIS: Los Angeles (R,S,HD)
1.00 Hawaii Five-0 Two episodes. Max's attempt to woo Sabrina is ruined. Then, a camping trip takes a turn for the worse. (R,S,HD)
3.00 Modern Family Double bill. Mitch and Cam accidentally ruin Luke's date. Then, Mitchell gets a great new job, so he and Cam throw a party. (R,S,HD)
4.00 The Simpsons Three shows. Grampa gets a hearing aid. Next, Homer and Marge reveal how they ended up being miserable parents. Then, Mr Burns is sent to prison. (R,S,HD)
5.30 Futurama Double bill. Fry goes on his first trip to the moon. Then, Fry and Bender become room-mates. (R,S)



6.30 The Simpsons
 Three episodes. Moe is approached by a TV agent to join the American Idol judging panel. Next, Lisa embraces her creative side at a performing arts camp. Then, Grampa gives each member of the family \$50. (R,S,HD)
8.00 DC's Legends Of Tomorrow (10/16) Hank commandeers the Waverider in 1973 and the crew find themselves on the run in an RV after kidnapping the president, who is only able to tell the truth. (HD)
9.00 Magnum P.I. (14/22) Thomas investigates the murder of a man who hired him before he died to catch his killer. Meanwhile, Kumu reconnects with an old friend. (S,HD)
10.00 Strike Back: Silent War (7/10) Section 20 tries to stop Pavel and Katrina from arming a notorious terrorist, a journey that takes them from back-streets of south-west Russia through to Jakarta in Indonesia. (R,S,HD)
11.00 Karl Pilkington: The Moaning Of Life (1/6) Karl Pilkington goes back on the road in search of the answers to more of life's big questions, beginning by heading to America to consider the point of art. (R,S,HD)
12.00 Motorway Patrol (R,S) **1.00** A League Of Their Own (R,S,HD)
2.00 Comedians Watching Football With Friends (HD) **2.30** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (R,HD)
3.00 NCIS: Los Angeles (R,S,HD)
4.00 Road Wars (R,S,HD) **5.00-6am** Stargate SG-1 (R,S,HD)

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6am Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **8.30** Rugby Greatest Games **8.40** **LIVE** ANZ Premiership Netball. Pulse v Mystics. Centre-pass at **8.40**.
10.15 Sky Sports Boxing Gold **10.30** Sky Sports News **12.30** **LIVE** Royal London One-Day Cup Cricket. Kent v Hampshire. Coverage of the group match from The Spitfire Ground. **9.00** Sky Sports Tonight **10.00** The Debate **11.00** News **2.00** NBA GameTime **2.30** **LIVE** NBA. Houston Rockets v Utah Jazz. **5.00** NBA GameTime **5.30-6am** Sporting Records

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6am PL Greatest Games **7.00** PL Highlights **7.30** PL Legends **8.00** Best PL Goals: Man Utd Vs Everton
8.30 PL Highlights **9.00** The Debate **10.00** PL Years **12.00** The Debate **1.00** PL Years **3.00** PL Best Goals 13/14 **4.00** PL Greatest Games **5.00** PL Highlights **5.30** Premier League 100 Club **6.00** PL Review **7.00** PL World **7.30** PL Highlights **8.00** PL Review **9.00** PL World **9.30** PL Highlights **10.00** The Debate **11.00** PL Best Goals 93/94 **12.00** The Debate **1.00** PL Years **3.00** PL Greatest Games **4.00** PL Best Goals 94/95 **5.00** Best PL Goals: Newcastle Vs Liverpool **5.30-6am** Premier League 100 Club

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6am EFL Greatest Games **7.00** Greatest Players **8.00** Football Countdowns **9.00** Football Years **10.00** EFL Play-Off Final Highlights **11.00** One2Eleven **11.30** Greatest Players **12.00** EFL Greatest Games **12.30** SPFL Greatest Games **1.00** Football Countdowns **2.00** Football Years **3.00** EFL Football League Play-Off Finals **5.00** EFL Greatest Games **5.30** SPFL Greatest Games **6.00** Football Years **6.30** Soccer AM: The Best Bits **7.00** Greatest Players **8.00** EFL Greatest Games **8.30** SPFL Greatest Games **9.00** EFL Play-Off Final Highlights **10.00** The Debate **11.00** Greatest Players **12.00** Football Years **1.00** Football Countdowns **2.00** SPFL Greatest Games **2.30** One2Eleven **3.00** EFL Play-Off Final Highlights **4.00** EFL Greatest Games **4.30** Football Countdowns **5.00** Greatest Players **5.30-6am** Football Years

SKY SPORTS ACTION

6am Boxing Gold **7.00** Fishing: Hooked On Africa **7.30** Great Sporting Moments **8.00** Fishing: Hooked On Africa **8.30** Rugby Greatest Games **8.40** **LIVE** ANZ Premiership Netball. Pulse v Mystics. Centre-pass at **8.40**. **10.15** Boxing Gold **10.30** Fishing: Hooked On Africa **11.00** NFL: America's Game **12.00** NFL: A Football Life **1.00** Sporting Records **2.00** Fishing: Hooked On Africa **2.30** Sky Sports Boxing Gold **3.30** George Groves: Final Round **4.00** Top 14 Round-Up Show **4.30** Sporting Records **5.00** Fishing: Hooked On Africa **5.30** Sports Unlimited **6.30** Motorsport Mundial **7.00** NBC's ProFootballTalk **9.00** Top 14 Round-Up Show **9.30** Rugby 7s **10.00** Motorsport Mundial **10.30** Watersports World **11.30** NFL: America's Game **12.30** Top 14 Round-Up Show **1.00** Rugby 7s **1.30** Super League Gold **2.00** NFL: Greatest Games **3.30** Rugby 7s **4.00** Sporting Records **5.00** Rugby 7s **5.30-6am** Sporting Greats

SKY SPORTS ARENA

6am Sporting Greats **7.00** WWE Experience **8.00** Great Sporting Moments **9.00** Sporting Records **10.00** Sporting Greats **10.30** Top 14 Round-Up Show **11.00** Super League Gold **12.00** WWE Slam City **12.15** WWE From The Vault **12.45** WWE Slam City **1.00** Top 14 Round-Up Show **1.30** NBA: The Starters **2.00** Sporting Greats **3.00** WWE Experience **4.00** WWE Main Event **5.00** NRL Try Time **6.00** NBA GameTime **6.30** NBA: The Starters **7.00** Live Playoff Central **8.00** NBA GameTime **8.30** Great Sporting Moments **9.00** NRL Try Time **10.00** WWE Late Night Smackdown **12.00** Great Sporting Moments **12.30** Super League Gold **12.45** NBA **2.30** **LIVE** NBA: Houston Rockets v Utah Jazz. **5.00** NBA GameTime **5.30-6am** Sporting Records

BT SPORT 1

6am Gallagher Premiership Rugby Highlights **8.30** Premier League Reload **8.45** Premier League Tonight **9.15** Hyundai A-League Highlights **10.15** MotoGP **11.15** MotoGP **12.15** MotoGP **1.15** MotoGP Chequered Flag **2.15** IPL **3.15** **LIVE** IPL. Sunrisers Hyderabad v Chennai Super Kings. **7.30** BT Sport Reload **8.00** **LIVE** MLB. Milwaukee Brewers v St Louis Cardinals. **11.00** Rugby Tonight On Tour **11.30** UFC Connected **12.00** Dan Hardy's Open Mat **12.30** UFC **3.30** UFC Greatest Fights **4.00-6am** The Big Match Revisited

BT SPORT 2

6am AFL **12.00** The Big Match Revisited **2.00** Premier League Reload **2.15** BT Sport Goals Reload **2.30** Premiership Rugby Highlights **5.00** MotoGP Highlights **6.00** Bundesliga Special **6.30** Premier League World **7.00** **LIVE** UEFA Champions League. Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur. Kick-off at **8.00**. **10.30** Live UEFA Champions League Highlights **11.30** No Filter Boxing **12.00** IPL **1.00** The Outdoor Sports Show **1.30** Fan TV: Call Yourself a Fan **3.00** No Filter Boxing **3.30** 30 For 30 **5.30-6am** WTA All Access

BT SPORT 3

6am UEFA Champions League **8.00** UEFA Europa League Magazine **8.30** Ligue 1 Highlights **9.30** UEFA Champions League Highlights Show **10.00** Bundesliga Highlights Show **11.00** BT Sport Goals Reload **11.15** Premier League Reload **11.30** Premier League Tonight **12.00** UEFA Champions League **2.00** UEFA Europa League Magazine **2.30** Bundesliga Highlights Show **3.30** Premier League Reload **3.45** Premier League **5.15** UEFA Champions League **6.15** UEFA Champions League **7.15** **LIVE** UEFA Champions League. FC Porto v Liverpool. Kick-off at **8.00**. **10.30** BT Sport Films **12.00** UEFA Champions League **2.00** Ligue 1 **3.30** Premier League Reload **3.45** MotoGP Rewind **4.00** Ligue 1 Highlights **5.00-6am** Hyundai A-League Highlights

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

S4C 6am Cwyl **12.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05** Y Dref Gymreig **12.30** Clusuron Cefn Gwlad: Y Preseli: Gwanwyn **1.30** Her Yr Hinsawdd **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynawm Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Y Ras **3.30** Y Tyrcwyr Gyda Iolo Williams **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwsh: Larfa **5.05** Pengwinaid Madagascar **5.20** Pat A Stan **5.25** Boom! **5.35** Dilectis Hanes **6.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **6.05** Pobol Y Rhondda **6.30** Cegin Bryn: Tir A Môr

7.00 Heno **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm **8.25** Rhannu **9.00** Newyddion 9 A'r Tywydd **9.30** **NEW** Ar Werth **10.00** Mwy O Sgorio **10.30** Ffit Cymru **11.30pm-12.10am** Galw Nain Nain Nain **ITV WALES 8.00-8.30pm** Coast & Country **10.45-11.10pm** Britain's Brightest Family

TONIGHT'S PICKS

Earth From Space
BBC1, 9pm

EPIC documentary series charting how our planet is rapidly changing, plus the challenges facing many of its species.

Location, Location, Location, C4, 8pm



PHIL and Kirstie are back... and under pressure to find houses for two couples weeks away from having babies.

The Bay
ITV, 9pm

IN this penultimate episode, things get even more dramatic for Lisa's team after Holly's account of what happened to her.

Chimerica
C4, 9pm

COMPLEX political thriller, set during the 2016 US presidential election, about a photojournalist who is caught faking a pic.



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FREEVIEW



FIND IT, FIX IT, DRIVE IT, MORE4, 9pm

Henry Cole is trying to set a new vintage land speed record, but needs classic race transportation, so he and Sam Lovegrove restore a 1968 Morris ambulance.

BBC FOUR freeview 9

7pm Beyond 100 Days **7.30** Secrets Of Bones **8.00** Kolkata With Sue Perkins **9.00** Julius Caesar Revealed **10.00** The Normans **11.00** Blazes And Brigades: The Story Of The Fire Service **12.00** The Joy Of Stats **1.00** Buddha: Genius Of The Ancient World **2.00** Kolkata With Sue Perkins **3.00-4am** Julius Caesar Revealed

ITV2 freeview 6

6am The Planet's Funniest Animals **6.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **7.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **8.00** Emmerdale **8.55** You've Been Framed! Gold **9.25** The Ellen DeGeneres Show

ENTERTAINMENT

SKY ATLANTIC

6am Fish Town **7.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** The British **9.00** The West Wing **11.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **12.00** Without A Trace **2.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** The West Wing **5.00** Without A Trace **7.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A stewardess is raped and murdered. **8.00** Blue Bloods. A reality TV star dies during a fashion show. **9.00** Billions. Axe is surprised by a visitor from his past. **10.10** Veep. Selina makes a novel campaign proposal. **10.45** Barry. Gene tasks Barry with revisiting his past as part of a class project. **11.20** The Case Against Adnan Syed. The facts of the case are laid out alongside the latest developments of Adnan Syed's appeal. **12.30** The Wire **1.50** Our Cartoon President **3.00** Gomorrah **4.00-6am** The West Wing

SKY WITNESS

6am Motorway Patrol **7.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line **7.30** Nothing To Declare

MOVIES

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6am Serpent (15, 2017) ★★★ **7.35** Dusty And Me (12, 2016) ★★★ **9.25** The Whiskey Bandit (15, 2017) ★★★★★ **11.35** Christopher Robin (PG, 2018) ★★★★★ **1.35** Super Troopers 2 (15, 2018) ★★ **3.20** Lu Over The Wall (PG, 2017) ★★★★★ **5.20** Dusty And Me (12, 2016) ★★★ **7.00** Christopher Robin (PG, 2018) ★★★★★ **9.00** Super Troopers 2 (15, 2018) ★★ **10.45** The Whiskey Bandit (15, 2017) ★★★★★ **1.00** Blame (15, 2017) ★★★★★ **2.45-4.20am** Incident In A Ghostland (18, 2018) ★★★★★

SKY CINEMA COMEDY

7.05am A Bad Idea Gone Wrong (15, 2017) ★★★★★ **8.35** As Good As It Gets (15, 1997) ★★★★★ **11.00** Talladega Nights: The Ballad Of Ricky Bobby (15, 2006) ★★ **1.05** Blades Of Glory (12, 2007) ★★ **2.45** Step Brothers (15, 2008) ★★ **4.35** The House (15, 2017) ★★ **6.10** Made Of Honour (12, 2008) ★★ **8.00** Blades Of Glory (12, 2007) ★★ **9.40** Step Brothers (15, 2008) ★★ **11.35** The House (15, 2017) ★★ **1.10** Hot Tub Time Machine (15, 2010) ★★ **3.00-4.40am** Eat Locals (15, 2017) ★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

6.10am Ghosts Of Mars (15, 2001) ★★ **7.55** Deep Blue Sea (15, 1999) ★★ **9.45** The Bourne Ultimatum (12, 2007) ★★★★★ **11.45** Pacific Rim: Uprising (12, 2018) ★★ **1.45** Battleship (12, 2012) ★★ **4.00** Shanghai Noon (12, 2000) ★★ **6.00** Shanghai Knights (12, 2003) ★★ **8.00** Pacific Rim: Uprising (12, 2018) Sci-fi sequel starring John Boyega. ★★ **10.00** Pirates Of The Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge (12, 2017) ★★ **12.15** Troy (15, 2004) ★★ **3.00** Robin Hood (12, 2010) ★★ **5.30-7.35am** Battle: Los Angeles (12, 2011) ★★

SKY CINEMA ANIMATION

6.10am Dr Seuss' The Lorax (U, 2012) ★★ **7.45** The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature (U, 2017) ★★★★★ **9.25** Ferdinand (U, 2017) ★★ **11.15** Bolt (PG, 2008) ★★★★★ **12.55** The Lego Ninjago Movie (U, 2017) ★★ **2.45** The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature (U, 2017) ★★ **4.25** The LEGO Movie (U, 2014) ★★★★★ **6.10** Ferdinand (U, 2017) ★★ **8.00** The Lego Ninjago Movie (U, 2017) ★★ **9.50** Mary And The Witch's Flower (U, 2017) ★★★★★ **11.40** Maya The Bee: The Honey Games (U, 2018) ★★ **1.15** The Time Team (PG, 2018) ★★ **2.50** A Wizard's Tale (U, 2018) ★★ **4.35-6.30am** Mary And The Witch's Flower (U, 2017) ★★★★★

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

6.20am Anything (15, 2017) ★★ **8.00** The Top Ten Show **8.15** The Bachelors (15, 2017) ★★

10.15 BGT: Top 10 Comedy Corkers **11.15** The Guide To You've Been Framed! Gold **12.15** Emmerdale **1.15** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.40** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** Take Me Out **7.30** You've Been Framed! Gold **9.00** FILM American Pie (1999) **11.05** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50-6am** Nightscreen

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6am Classic Coronation Street **6.55** Heartbeat **8.00** Murder, She Wrote **9.00** Judge Judy **10.30** Poirot **12.40** Heartbeat **1.45** Classic Emmerdale **2.50** Classic Coronation Street **3.55** Poirot **5.55** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Poirot **10.05** The Bletchley Circle: San Francisco **12.05** Law & Order: UK **2.00** Nightscreen **2.30-6am** Teleshopping

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6am The Chase **6.45** The Avengers **7.40** Kojak **8.40** Quincy ME **9.40** Minder **10.45** The Sweeney **11.50** The Professionals **12.55** The Protectors **1.30** Live ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket **4.00** Minder **5.00** The Professionals **6.00** The Car Chasers **7.00** The Chase **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** FILM Magnum Force (1973) **11.35** FILM The Usual Suspects (1995) **1.50** Lethal Weapon **2.45** Nightscreen **3.00-6am** Teleshopping

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6am Hollyoaks **7.00** Rules Of Engagement **8.00** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **9.00** Baby Daddy **10.00** The Big Bang Theory **11.00** The Goldbergs **12.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Baby Daddy **3.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.00** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Crystal Maze

8.00 Border Security: Canada's Front Line **9.00** Nothing To Declare **12.00** Paramedics **3.00** To Catch A Smuggler: JFK Airport **7.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Criminal Minds **9.00** Grey's Anatomy **10.00** Station 19. An RV crashes into Station 19, leaving the team racing against the clock to save lives and secure the building's compromised structure. **11.00** Criminal Minds. The agents investigate the murders of entire families. **12.00** Murders That Shocked The Nation **1.00** The Rookie **2.00** Madam Secretary **3.00** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK **4.00** Nothing To Declare **5.00-6am** Motorway Patrol

FOX

8am Monk **9.00** Bones **10.00** Monk **11.00** NCIS **12.00** Bones **2.00** The Mentalist **3.00** NCIS **4.00** Monk **5.00** Bones **6.00** The Mentalist **7.00** NCIS **10.00** Bull **11.00** American Dad! **12.00** Family Guy **1.00** American Dad! **2.00** Family Guy **4.00** Monk **5.00-8am** Teleshopping

10.00 The Browning Version (15, 1994) ★★ **11.45** Tully (15, 2018) ★★★★★ **1.30** Lost In Translation (15, 2003) ★★★★★ **3.20** The Prince Of Tides (PG, 1991) ★★★★★ **5.35** Jerry Maguire (15, 1996) ★★★★★ **8.00** Tully (15, 2018) ★★★★★ **9.45** My Friend Dahmer (15, 2017) ★★ **11.40** Marshall (15, 2017) ★★ **1.45-4am** Notorious (15, 2009) ★★

SKY CINEMA HITS

6.35am Mary Magdalene (12, 2018) ★★ **8.50** Black Panther: Special 9.20 Everything, Everything (12, 2017) ★★ **11.00** Serenity (15, 2019) ★★★★★ **1.00** Rampage (12, 2018) ★★ **3.00** Baby Driver (15, 2017) ★★★★★ **5.00** The Leisure Seeker (15, 2017) ★★ **7.00** Serenity (15, 2019) ★★★★★ **9.00** Rampage (12, 2018) ★★ **11.00** Baby Driver (15, 2017) ★★★★★ **1.00** Thor: Ragnarok (15, 2017) ★★★★★ **2.50-4.40am** Brigsby Bear (15, 2017) ★★

SKY CINEMA SUPERHERO

6am GI Joe: The Rise Of Cobra (12, 2009) ★★ **8.10** The Top Ten Show **8.30** Superman III (PG, 1983) ★★ **10.40** Guardians Of The Galaxy (12, 2014) ★★★★★ **12.45** The Dark Knight Rises (12, 2012) ★★★★★ **3.40** GI Joe: The Rise Of Cobra (12, 2009) ★★ **5.50** Superman III (PG, 1983) ★★ **8.00** Guardians Of The Galaxy (12, 2014) ★★★★★ **10.00** The Dark Knight Rises (12, 2012) ★★★★★ **12.45** Ghost Rider (12, 2007) ★★ **2.40** Justice League Vs Teen Titans (12, 2016) ★★ **4.05** Justice League: Doom (12, 2012) ★★ **5.30-6am** Black Panther: Special

SKY CINEMA DISNEY

6.35am Lion King 3: Hakuna Matata (U, 2004) ★★ **7.55** The Lion King (U, 1994) ★★★★★ **9.25** Incredibles 2 (PG, 2018) ★★★★★ **11.25** National Treasure: Book Of Secrets (PG, 2007) ★★ **1.35** Frankenweenie (PG, 2012) ★★★★★ **3.05** Pocahontas (U, 1995) ★★ **4.30** The Lion King (U, 1994) ★★★★★ **6.00** Incredibles 2 (PG, 2018) ★★★★★ **8.00** Frankenweenie (PG, 2012) ★★★★★ **9.40** The Haunted Mansion (PG, 2003) ★★ **11.15** National Treasure: Book Of Secrets (PG, 2007) ★★ **1.30** DuckTales The Movie: Treasure Of The Lost Lamp (U, 1990) ★★ **2.55-4.40am** The Million Dollar Duck (U, 1971) ★★

SKY CINEMA MUSICALS

6am Singin' In The Rain (U, 1952) ★★★★★ **7.50** Pitch Perfect (12, 2012) ★★★★★ **9.50** West Side Story (PG, 1961) ★★★★★ **12.30** The Greatest Showman (PG, 2017) ★★★★★ **2.20** Annie (U, 1982) ★★ **4.30** Sleeping Beauty (U, 1959) ★★ **6.00** Pitch Perfect (12, 2012) ★★★★★ **8.00** The Greatest Showman (PG, 2017) ★★★★★

6.00 The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Speechless **8.00** The Goldbergs **8.30** Schooled **9.00** Tattoo Fixers: Extreme **10.00** First Dates Hotel **11.05** The Hangover Games **11.40** The Big Bang Theory **12.35** Tattoo Fixers: Extreme **1.40** First Dates Hotel **2.35** Celebs Go Dating **3.30** The Goldbergs **3.50** Schooled **4.15** The Big Bang Theory **4.55-6am** 2 Broke Girls

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8.55am A Place In The Sun: Winter Sun **10.55** The Great British Bake Off **12.15** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.15** Four In A Bed **3.50** Food Unwrapped **4.55** The Secret Life Of The Zoo **5.55** The Suprvet **6.55** 999: On The Frontline **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Find It, Fix It, Drive It **10.00** Car SOS **11.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.00** 999: On The Frontline **1.05** Find It, Fix It, Drive It **2.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **3.10-3.50am** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Christmas Special

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6am Teleshopping **9.00** Access **9.10** Catch A Contractor **9.30** CSI: NY **11.10** Law & Order **1.10** FILM Jesse Stone: Death In Paradise (2006) **3.00** Murder, She Wrote **5.00** NCIS **6.00** Law & Order **8.00** NCIS **9.00** Gone **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **12.55** CSI: NY **2.50** Taken **3.50** Access **4.00-6am** Teleshopping

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6am Teleshopping **8.00** Will & Grace **8.25** Dance Moms **11.05** My Wife And Kids **12.00** Two And A Half Men **1.00** 3rd Rock From The Sun **2.00** Will & Grace **3.00** Neighbours **3.30** Home And Away **4.00** My Wife And Kids **5.00** Fresh Off The Boat **6.00** Neighbours **6.30** Home And Away **7.00** Two And A Half Men

GOLD

7.40am The Piglet Files **8.40** Goodnight Sweetheart **10.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **12.00** 2point4 Children **1.20** Hi-De-Hi! **2.00** Dinnerladies **2.40** 2point4 Children **4.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **6.00** Hi-De-Hi! **6.40** Dinnerladies **7.20** Dad's Army **8.40** Blackadder II **10.00** Live At The Apollo. With Jack Whitehall. **11.00** Black Books **12.10** Inside No 9 **1.30** The Rebel **2.10** Live At The Apollo **3.00** Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.00-6am** Teleshopping

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air **9.00** Fresh Off The Boat **10.00** Friends **12.00** Two Guys, A Girl And A Pizza Place **1.00** Friends **4.00** Two Guys, A Girl And A Pizza Place **5.00** Friends **8.00** Your Face Or Mine **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** The Comedy Show **10.35** Russell Howard's Stand Up Central **11.00** Jackass **12.00** Impractical Jokers **1.00** South Park **4.10-5am** The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air

★★★★★ **10.00** Grease (PG, 1978) ★★★★★ **12.00** Grease 2 (PG, 1982) ★★ **2.10-5am** West Side Story (PG, 1961) ★★★★★

SKY CINEMA SCI-FI/HORROR

6am Flatliners (15, 2017) ★★ **8.05** Annabelle (15, 2014) ★★ **10.00** Annabelle: Creation (15, 2017) ★★★★★ **12.00** I, Robot (12, 2004) ★★★★★ **2.00** The First Purge (15, 2018) ★★ **3.45** Slumber (15, 2017) ★★ **5.15** The Dark Tower (12, 2017) ★★ **7.00** I, Robot (12, 2004) ★★★★★ **9.00** The First Purge (15, 2018) ★★ **10.45** The Ring (15, 2002) ★★★★★ **12.45** The Ring 2 (15, 2005) ★★ **2.40** Annabelle (15, 2014) ★★ **4.25-6am** Project: ALF (PG, 1996) ★★

SKY CINEMA THRILLER

6.55am Collateral Damage (15, 2002) ★★ **8.55** Spinning Man (15, 2018) ★★ **10.50** Patriot Games (15, 1992) ★★ **12.50** The Negotiator (15, 2018) ★★★★★ **2.50** The Sting (PG, 1973) ★★★★★ **5.00** The Snowman (15, 2017) ★★ **7.00** Kissing Candice (15, 2017) ★★ **9.00** Munich (15, 2005) Thriller starring Eric Bana. ★★★★★ **11.45** Murder On The Orient Express (12, 2017) ★★★★★ **1.40** Heartlock (15, 2017) ★★ **3.20** Lowlife (18, 2017) ★★★★★ **5.00-6.35am** Point Last Seen (PG, 1998) ★★

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11am Garfield 2: A Tale Of Two Kitties (U, 2006) ★★ **12.35** Ice Age (U, 2002) ★★ **2.10** Over The Hedge (U, 2006) ★★ **3.50** Back To The Future Part III (PG, 1990) ★★★★★ **6.10** Exodus: Gods And Kings (12, 2014) ★★ **9.00** Eddie The Eagle (PG, 2016) ★★ **11.10** Commando (18, 1985) Action adventure. ★★ **12.55-3.20am** Monsters: Dark Continent (15, 2014) ★★

TCM

4.45pm The Unforgiven (PG, 1990) ★★★★★ **7.15** The Gun Runners (PG, 1958) ★★ **9.00** Enter The Dragon (18, 1973) Martial arts thriller with Bruce Lee ★★★★★ **11.10** Tango & Cash (18, 1989) ★★ **1.20** The Last Detail (18, 1973) ★★★★★ **3.30-6am** Hollywood's Best Film Directors

TALKING PICTURES freeview 81

6am The Man In The Mirror (U, 1936) ★★ **7.35** Glimpses: Ancient Cathedrals **7.50** Johnny Ringo **8.20** The Halfway House (PG, 1943) ★★ **10.20** Cast A Dark Shadow (PG, 1956) ★★ **12.00** The History Of Mr Polly (U, 1949) ★★★★★ **2.00** The Edgar Wallace Mystery Theatre **3.30** The Purple Plain (PG, 1954) ★★ **5.30** Robin's Nest **6.00** Mr Perrin And Mr Traill (U, 1948) ★★ **7.50** A Little Of What You Fancy (U, 1968) ★★ **9.00** A Family At War **10.00** Spearhead **11.00** A Kind Of Loving (PG, 1962) ★★★★★ **1.15-3am** Kipps (U, 1941) ★★★★★

8.00 Greatest Ever Movie Blunders **9.00** Rich Kids Go Homeless **10.00** FILM Elysium (2013) **12.15** Last Man Standing **1.10** Dirty Tricks: Magic Man **2.15** Empire **3.05** Star **3.50-4am** Access

PICK freeview 11

6am Road Wars **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Highway Patrol **9.00** Police Force: Australia **10.00** Police 10/7 **11.00** Air Rescue **12.00** Border Patrol **1.00** Police Force: Australia **2.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line **3.00** Nothing To Declare **4.00** Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** Without A Trace **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **7.00** Warehouse 13 **8.00** Lost Girl **9.00** Murders That Shocked The Nation **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK **12.00** The Force: North East **1.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Banged Up Abroad **4.00** Highway Patrol **4.30** Motorway Patrol **5.00-6am** Nothing To Declare

DAVE freeview 12

6am Teleshopping **7.10** Dara O Brain's Go 8 Bit **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Storage Hunters **9.55** American Pickers **10.55** World's Most Dangerous Roads **11.55** Red Bull Soapbox Race **12.55** Top Gear India Special **2.50** Top Gear Winter Olympics Special **3.50** Top Gear **5.30** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** World's Most Dangerous Roads **8.00** Last Stop Garage **9.00** QI **10.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **11.00** Porters **11.40** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **12.40** QI **1.40** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **2.40** Go 8 Bit: DLC **3.05** The Last Man On Earth **4.00-6am** Teleshopping

REALLY freeview 17

6am Fantasy Homes By The Sea **7.00** Cruise TV With LoveItBookIt **8.00** Homes Under The Hammer

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6.15am Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Inside The Ambulance **12.00** Tipping Point **2.00** My Dream Home **4.00** Renovate My Home: Leave It To Bryan **5.00** Tipping Point **6.00** John Torode's Australia **7.00** Fantasy Homes By The Sea. Craig and Jo look to move from London to the north Cornwall coast. **8.00** Inside The Ambulance. West Midlands paramedics help a child who has ingested a dangerous liquid. **9.00** The Story Of Fertility **10.00** The World According To Kids **11.00** The Shift: Women On The Force **12.00** 999 Rescue Squad **1.00** Rent A Cop **1.40** Judge Faith **2.00** John Bishop: In Conversation With Ken Loach **3.00-6.15am** Teleshopping

UNIVERSAL TV

6am Teleshopping **8.00** Sea Patrol **9.00** Murder She Solved: True Crime **12.00** Murder In Paradise **1.00** Law & Order **3.00** CSI: Miami **5.00** Major Crimes

RADIO



KICK-OFF, TALKSPORT, 7pm

Live commentary as Mohamed Salah and Liverpool take on FC Porto in the Champions League quarter-final second-leg from Estadio do Dragao.

must watch

WHAT? Earth From Space, BBC1, 9pm.

WHY? Satellite cameras show an elephant family struggling in a drought, previously unknown penguin colonies and ice rings that could put seal pups in danger.



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GAME OF GROANS FOR KIT

IT'S the most anticipated TV finale in years, and 192,000 hardy British fans stayed up to see Monday's 2am opening episode of the last Game Of Thrones series.

But a more patient 3.4million caught up with it later, at a much more reasonable hour.

Actor KIT HARRINGTON, who plays Jon Snow, has told how he almost lost a testicle filming a dragon-riding scene, sitting on a mechanical "buck" which was later replaced by the mythical beast using CGI.

He said: "Buck work is not easy... there was a bit where Jon almost falls off."

"The dragon swings round really violently and my right ball got trapped, and I didn't have time to say, 'Stop!'"

"I thought, 'This is how it ends, on this buck, swinging me around by my testicles, literally.' Sorry, probably too much information."

I'd tend to agree.

bi**z**bit

CALL The Midwife creator Heidi Thomas says BBC1 bosses compiled a "list of shame" of actors who had begged to star in the series but were completely wrong for the show. She said: "It's quite bizarre really - some of them would never fit in."

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FILMING on a second series of hit Netflix comedy Sex Education, starring GILLIAN ANDERSON, will start later this month. The news was revealed by another star of the show, NCUTI GATWA, who plays Eric.

soapbox

SHE'S no stranger to ruffling feathers on Loose Women, and Janet Street-Porter will soon be doing the same Down Under on Ramsay Street.

The opinionated TV panellist makes a guest appearance during tonight's episode of NEIGHBOURS - and runs into Terese while Bea performs a cosy gig at The Waterhole.

And it's not long before Janet, who has also appeared in HOLLYOAKS, causes an upset in Erinsborough.

On EMMERDALE, it is Rishi's birthday and - never a man to shy away from being the centre of attention - he's revelling in his special day.

The Queen Vicky



NICE TO MEET CLU... Martin and Caroline with a young fan

IT'S DOG MARTIN

LOOKS like **MARTIN CLUNES** had been joined by a four-legged co-star while filming for the ninth series of ITV's Doc Martin in Cornwall yesterday.

The actor recorded scenes on the shore at Port Isaac, left, with co-star **CAROLINE CATZ**, who plays his wife Louisa - despite having claimed that the hit medical comedy drama would come to an end last year after its eighth series.

Speaking about reversing the decision to call it a day, Martin, who plays the village GP of the show's title, said simply: "I'm un-ending it."

He added: "We probably plan to do one every other year now."

Or, in medical terms, by reducing the dosage.

RICH: BODYGUARD WAS MADDENING



MOST actors would relish the chance of starring in Britain's biggest drama, but **RICHARD MADDEN** has revealed how he struggled with making Bodyguard.

The screen hunk said playing protection officer DS David Budd in the BBC1

UNHAPPY... Richard

blockbuster nearly forced him to quit acting.

He said: "It really took it out of me. I didn't get to see my friends, my family, do anything. It's a relentless job, it's an unhappy place."

"At the end of filming I had just gone, 'What am I doing this for? I'm supposed to be doing the thing I love.' I had to

take a break for a couple of months and get myself back.

"And after I did get myself back a bit in my head, then you're like, 'OK.'"

"Then seeing the rough cuts coming through of it, I was like, 'This is something I'm really proud of actually.'"

And so you should be, Richard.

V.I.P. BILLING FOR LoD STAR'S MOVING DOCU

THE versatile **VICKY McCCLURE** proves she is also a dab hand at documentary-making with the incredible *My Dementia Choir*.

And I can reveal that the BBC1 two-parter is expected to be such a hit, a spin-off series is already on the cards.

Line Of Duty star Vicky brings together singers who all have some form of dementia, to see how music can help them.

It is a project close to her heart. Vicky saw her gran die of the condition.

An insider said: "There hasn't been this kind of confidence surrounding a BBC documentary since the last **DAVID ATTENBOROUGH** nature show."

"Everyone who's seen it, including those at the very top, have been blown away by how emotional it is and left feeling they want more."

"The Beeb is already talking about a spin-off



IN LINE... Vicky & choir

fronted by Vicky, before this show has even aired."

My Dementia Choir is expected to go out close to the Line Of Duty finale. The proposed follow-up would look further at how dementia sufferers can be helped by technology, research and better funding.

Beeb Director-General Lord Tony Hall said of My Dementia Choir: "It's a really moving piece of television. It's coming soon, please watch it."

I've a feeling lots will.

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I keep running back to my ex

Dear Deidre

AN ex-girlfriend keeps coming back into my life and I can't help falling for her all over again.

We have sex anywhere we can find that's quiet and secluded and it's constantly in my thoughts.

None of this would matter if I were not married with two little boys to think of. I have been wed six years and I'm now 36. My wife is 34.

The ex-girlfriend I'm seeing is the same age as me and living in an abusive marriage. When she and I were in a relationship, she was also seeing the guy she eventually married.

I then met my wife-to-be but, looking back, I think I was anxious about the whole idea of marrying her. My ex and I had frantic sex in my car just a week before my wedding.

My ex contacted me a year ago saying she was unhappy and wanted to talk. I knew it would lead to sex but I went, making sure I had a condom with me.

I think I pretended, even to myself, that it was just a chat

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ONE in five people suffers from depression at some point. We may be helped by medication but there is a lot we can do, too, to ward off the blues. My leaflet on Defeating Depression gives sources of help. For a copy, message me via email or Facebook.

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about her problems. This is how it has been ever since. Whenever she feels low, she asks to meet. It inevitably ends in sex.

Eventually, she said she is getting a divorce so I told my wife I thought our marriage wasn't working. My plan was to end it and be with my girlfriend full-time.

It didn't work out that way. My ex still says she loves me and we still meet, but she also says a full-time relationship between us would not work.

That means I have wrecked my marriage, made my wife unhappy

and stand to lose everything, all for nothing. I feel useless when it comes to the important things in life. The only good thing about me is that I am a loving father.

I know I am good with my sons and the last thing I want to do is hurt them. Trouble is I cannot see a way out except the permanent one of divorcing and breaking up my family.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: It is not too late to save your marriage and family life.

First, though, you have to stop running to your ex-girlfriend every time she clicks her fingers.

She has you on a string but is holding out no prospect of a real relationship.

While she is in control like this, she has no reason to change anything. Stop seeing her. She is the person she is and shows no signs of changing.

You can get close to your wife again. Reassure her how much she and your sons mean to you. Say you are sorry to have caused her distress and suggest you both read my e-leaflet Your Relationship MOT which is full of constructive ideas you can try together.

You don't need me to tell you that making your relationship feel positive and fulfilling again is best for your boys.

Dear Deidre

WHEN my boyfriend and I first got together we would sometimes have sex as often as five times a day. We couldn't get enough of one another.

Now we never seem to get round to having sex at all. This cannot be right after just one year. I wonder if there is something wrong with me.

He is 27, I am 26. We are still young and fit and well. We have no major problems.

I can't come up with a reason for our not enjoying a

good sex life. He hasn't said anything about it to me but he must be wondering why things have changed so much.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: It sounds as though both of you have been too nervous to raise the subject.

Ask him why he thinks you don't have sex any more.

Relationships often need to change gear as they move on from sex being new and exciting to developing deeper intensity. My e-leaflet Sex-play Sex Therapy can help kickstart the process.

Dear Deidre

I SUSPECT that my eldest daughter is not my biological child. She looks like the man my wife was having an affair with when she got pregnant.

Our two children, a son and a daughter, are now in their thirties. Both of them are wonderful. I am 58. My wife and I divorced 18 years ago.

My daughter - the younger child - has nothing of the look of me or my family about her.

I didn't have the guts to seek paternity tests years ago.

Maybe now is the time to find out the truth.

I am not sure how to go about it but I think it might put my mind at rest.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: But that might be at the expense of great hurt. You can't do a test secretly, your daughter would have to know. Think about how this might feel for her, whatever the result.

She sees you as her dad which is what you've always been. In every way that matters, she is your daughter. I hope you can accept that.

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CRAIG'S SEXY GIRLFRIEND: DAY 3



LOOK AT HER, ISN'T SHE GORGEOUS?

YOU'RE NOT WRONG THERE, CRAIG. WHAT THE HELL IS SHE DOING WITH A BLOKE LIKE YOU?

I'M SURE I'VE SEEN PICTURES OF HER ONLINE... BUT I WON'T SAY ANYTHING YET

HEY, CRAIG, OUR TAXI'S HERE. THAT'S IF I CAN TEAR YOU AWAY FROM YOUR FRIENDS



IT'S HER, IT'S DEFINITELY HER, I'M SURE OF IT...

I SHOWED MATT AND ROBIN YOUR PICTURES. THEY WERE WELL IMPRESSED



OH... WELL, THEY WEREN'T MEANT TO BE PASSED ROUND THE PUB, BUT NEVER MIND

JUST AS LONG AS HIS MATES HAVEN'T SEEN ANY OTHER PICTURES OF ME...

Continues tomorrow

LOVER IS SEEKING CASH FOR BOOB OP

Dear Deidre

THE woman I have been seeing for the past three years has asked me to pay for her to have her breasts enlarged. I agreed but now I am having second thoughts.

It started on holiday when she became self-conscious about wearing a swimsuit. She signed up to a fitness course when we got home.

I think she is lovely just as she is. She is 43, I am 33. Being with her has enhanced my life no end.

She has now booked a consultation for an op. Her friends are trying to persuade her to go for a size up on the one she originally decided on.

She is already talking about where we will go for our next sunshine holiday but I worry about what it says about me that I have agreed to pay for the surgery.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Breast enlargement surgery has risks. Tell your partner she is lovely as she is.

A fitness course is a great idea. It will improve her health as well as make her look even better. Say you have worries about paying for surgery you don't think she needs and which is a risk to her health.

My e-leaflet Unhappy With Your Breasts? can help her decide.

MY LATE HUSBAND LEFT US SHORT

Dear Deidre

AFTER my husband died at 54, I discovered he had left his half of our house to an animal charity I'd never heard of.

I keep wondering what it was that led him to be so unkind. I paid almost all our household expenses and he contributed little.

Making our home secure put a great strain on my finances. I am now 53.

When I told relatives what he'd done, they were not surprised. One said she always knew he was a selfish man.

I also found my husband had actually told people he was not married. He turned his back on me and the children too, which was very hurtful, particularly for them.

I keep asking myself what it was I did that induced him to behave in this way.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: It was not something you did or didn't do. I realise a charity has benefited but your husband behaved in a cruel way.

His behaviour was designed to hurt you and his children, and that will have stemmed from his own early experiences in life, not how you and your kids are.

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Fabulous DAILY

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SHELL out this Easter on stylish but quirky dining table accessories. Interior designer **FAYE ROBINSON-HEY** has top ideas on how to make sure your feast looks fantastic.

BE TOP OF THE TABLES



Vintage Easter hanging eggs, pack of six, £18, John Lewis



Bunny white cake stand, £12, Dunelm



Bunny and chick name holders, £4, Paperchase



White rabbit tea plate, £30, Amara.com



Nimala pink bowl with speckles, £8, Habitat



Sheep fabric placemat, £7.50, sophieallport.com



Patterned cotton table runner, £8.99, H&M Home

Oops a daisy stemless wine glass, £12.80, flamingogifts.co.uk



WE HAVE FIRST LOOK AT LATEST BY FIFTY SHADES WRITER



HAVE you been aching to fill the void following the final Fifty Shades instalment?

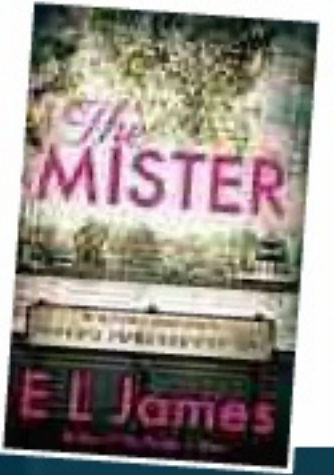
Well, EL James' latest book was published yesterday - and it's full of sex scenes but heavier on romance this time. The Mister centres around

aristocrat Maxim Trevelyan, who fills his days bedding as many women as possible before meeting cleaner - and virgin - Alessia Demachi.

James describes it as "a Cinderella story for the 21st century" and some fans have

even likened the plot to Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's romance. But will it leave you excited or wishing Grey was back? **NATASHA HARDING** asked readers to give their verdict and mark it out of five.

●The Mister, by EL James, £7.99, is out now



THE AUTHOR

Milly Johnson, 49, from Barnsley

MAXIM, or "the Mister", is an alpha male who finds exactly what his heart is searching for.

This will press all the buttons for those who prefer their fairy tales a tad more vanilla as it's packed with passion, but super-light on spanking - though there is an occasional a*s slap while still managing to whip up (excuse pun) plenty of sauce.

Strip it back and it's a love story full of charm, music and soul-mates with a horny, handsome Prince Charming and a piano playing Cinderella.

There is a massive sex scene in the book timed to happen when the reader is as gagging for it as the two main characters are.

Maxim can cover a lot of erogenous zones at once.

A classic EL James combo of the sweet and erotic with the perfect ending for romantics. I think it's her best by far!



★★★★

THE MUM

Anucyia Victor, 39, from Essex

WHEN I was ten or 11, I read my auntie's Mills & Boon romances and this book reminds me of that.

Some of the sex scenes would make a pre-teen me blush but they didn't really stir my adult self.

I found them too long and kind of dragged out, with every single move described in minute detail.

The plot is classic man meets girl, man saves girl from life of drudgery. But the storytelling is convoluted and I got bored halfway through.

From the moment Maxim was introduced I disliked him immediately - mainly because he shags any woman he can, including his dead brother's wife

because she looks at him with "eyes brimming with grief". He's clearly an attentive lover and, even in the bath, he's on duty.

Rolling my eyes, I read: "He puts his arms around her and soaps his hands and begins to knead the soap into her skin. He washes her neck, her breasts, her belly, and gently between her thighs. Her head rolls back on his chest as she surrenders to his touch, feeling his excitement against the top of her backside. She moans, and his breathing deepens, becoming harsher in her ear."

Bath time will never be the same again.



★★

THE BOOK REVIEWER

The Sun's Natasha Harding

WE'VE all encountered those blokes who are a bit too good-looking and a bit too pleased with themselves - and at first that's Maxim.

However, there's more to him than meets the eye.

Alessia brings out Maxim's protective side and when he learns that she's on the run he whisks her away to his country pad in Cornwall - and that's when things get steamy.

You, the reader, will be as desperate as the

horny couple when Maxim finally pops Alessia's cherry.

The build-up is pretty intense - but luckily the couple get into the swing of things very quickly and it's bedroom action all the way.

Yes it's all a bit obvious. Yes I've read similar tales a thousand times before... but the author knows how to spin a yarn and her blend of sex scenes, beautiful locations and an old-fashioned love story hit the spot for me.



★★★★

THE MAN

Jason Harding, 42, from Kent

MAXIM is the kind of bloke that men love to hate. Rich, good-looking, posh and entitled.

He is apparently grieving because his big brother has just died - but still manages to have sex with his sibling's widow. While Maxim tries to get his head around the fact he's now even richer - and heir to the family fortune - he meets his cleaner Alessia.

She's beautiful and, of course, immediately besotted with Maxim.

The second half of the book is full of some great sex scenes - and blimey, the bloke knows how to ensure that his lover has a good time.

I'm a bit jealous of his ability to induce an orgasm in under 30 seconds.

Ultimately the book is a cliched love story in which the man has to save the beautiful, but troubled woman.

It's a fun read - and I think I've learnt a thing or two.



★★★

THE SEXPERT

Kate Taylor, 44, from Surrey

"NO. No. No. Not the black. Not the choking dark. Not the plastic bag... I can't breathe."

With these opening lines, I thought The Mister had strayed into dangerous levels of kinkiness. Was this going to be an auto-asphyxiation fantasy, played out on bin day?

As it was, the sex in The Mister turned out to be quite vanilla for an EL James romp. (I won't spoil the secret behind the plastic bag, but it's not something you'd try at home.)

Handsome, green-eyed Earl of Trevelyan Maxim is bad-boy-bonking his way around London when he falls for his virgin cleaner Alessia (after catching her dusting his piano (*no euphemism*), wearing a blue nylon housecoat).

After some torrid twists, the couple make sweet music together.

The book has enough sex to satisfy EL James' fans. But you might spend most of the book envying Alessia's ability to go from 0-orgasm in six seconds. The first time she makes love to Maxim, he takes her to Heaven in an instant: "I move once, twice... a third time, and she screams as she lets go, her cry and her climax my undoing."

Hair-trigger, anyone?



★★★★

Is the new EL James book Mister a hit or a misster?

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Fabulous **DAILY**

FORMER PAGE 3 GIRL RHIAN

SIMPLE FOOD

Happy Easter Cake



YOU NEED:

125g of self-raising flour
1 tsp of baking powder
¼ tsp salt
115g caster sugar
75g Trex vegetable fat (at room temperature)
2 large eggs
3 tbsp milk
½ tsp vanilla extract

Filling and decorating:

100g butter (room temperature)
250g icing sugar
½ tsp vanilla extract
2-3 drops of pink or yellow food colouring
3-4 tbsp of raspberry jam
Mini Easter eggs and tiny icing flowers

METHOD: Position the oven shelves towards the centre of the oven. Preheat the oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4.

Lightly grease two 7in sandwich tins with Trex, then line the bases with greaseproof paper.

Sift the flour, baking powder and salt into a mixing bowl.

Add the sugar, Trex, unbeaten eggs, milk and vanilla extract.

Use a wooden spoon to beat together for 1-2 minutes until smooth and creamy.

Divide the mixture between the prepared tins and level the tops.

Bake for 18-20 minutes. When cooked, the cakes should be golden brown and

when touched lightly, the tops should spring back into place. Put the tins on a wire rack to cool for a few minutes.

Remove the cakes from the tins to finish cooling, then remove the lining paper.

Meanwhile, beat together the butter and icing sugar until light and creamy. Stir in the vanilla and food colouring.

Spread half the buttercream over one cake. Spread the underside of the second cake with the raspberry jam.

Sandwich the cakes together and spread the remaining buttercream on top.

Decorate with the mini Easter eggs and tiny icing flowers.

● Recipe from Trex.

GET COOKING THE BOOKS

COOKING up a storm needn't be costly and time-consuming.

NATASHA HARDING chooses some of the best cookbooks for creating great food, fast.



The Quick Roasting Tin, by Rukmini Iyer (*Square Peg*, £16.99): One-pot meals are more popular than ever – not least because they save on the washing up. This collection

of recipes each take less than ten minutes to prepare and a maximum of 30 minutes in the oven. The sticky soy and honey-roasted salmon is divine.



Every Day Is Saturday, by Sarah Copeland (*Chronicle*, £21.99): The author believes that with a bit of planning, it's easy to prepare delicious, healthy food every single day.

There are 100 recipes that cover everything from breakfast to dessert. Waffles, pasta, crumbles and sharing plates all feature.



Vegan One Pound Meals, by Miguel Barclay (*Headline*, £16.99): Eating plant-based food has never been more popular and you don't have to spend a fortune on ingredients.

The author's philosophy is minimum fuss, maximum flavour. Highlights include mac no cheese, tarragon and pea risotto and bubble and squeak potatoes.



The Chilango Burrito Bible, by Eric Partaker (*Sphere*, £20): There isn't anything that won't work inside a burrito and the tasty Mexican treat could not be easier to prepare.

The book features vegetarian recipes, dessert burritos and everything in between. Fast, great food that doesn't scrimp on flavour.



The Dirty Dishes, by Isaac Carew (*Bluebird*, £20): The classically trained chef and model believes that food should be fun as well as delicious. His debut cookbook is full of easy-to-follow dishes that are quick to prepare and don't cost the earth. The one-pot scramble, dirty lasagne and bake-me-up meatballs sound particularly good.

Rhian and Oliver knew they wanted children from the moment they started dating in 2013.



10-A-Day The Easy Way, by James Wong (*Mitchell Beazley*, £20): Only three in ten people eat the recommended amount of fruit and veg each day, but this book can help you hit that daily target with ease. Part nutritional guide and part recipe book, you'll be inspired to have a go at preparing peanut butter pancakes, chicken pot pie and Thai green curry.



SHOCK . . her Twitter post

By ALISON MALONEY

GROWING up, Rhian Sugden dreamed of becoming a mum – and secretly hoped to have three children with her dream man.

But the former Page 3 girl has been left “devastated” by the news she may never have a baby.

Tests last week revealed that Rhian, 32, has the egg count of a 45-year-old woman and, even if she has IVF, her chances of conceiving are just two per cent.

Manchester model Rhian explains: “I feel like my womanhood has been taken away from me.

“Being a mum is all I ever wanted and to find out there is so slim a chance of it happening is heartbreaking.

“There have been a lot of tears. I have even come out in a nervous rash all over my body because it's upset me so much.”

Rhian married Coronation Street actor Oliver Mellor on a beach in Turkey last September in front of friends and family – who have since been asking when the couple will start trying for a baby.

‘My world came crashing down’

She says: “Everyone kept saying, ‘Are you pregnant yet?’ But the truth was, we'd already been trying for two years.”

Fearing something was wrong, the couple went for tests at a fertility clinic last week, but nothing could have prepared Rhian for the results.

She reveals: “I was told that I may never be a mum – and I'm heartbroken.

“Doctors said I have the egg count of a woman over 45, meaning it's unlikely I would ever conceive naturally.

“It also means the odds of getting pregnant by IVF have gone down from 30 per cent to two per cent, which was pretty devastating to hear.”

Rhian and Oliver knew they wanted children from the moment they started dating in 2013.

She says: “Growing up, I always imagined I would have a nice little family one day, as I think most women do.

“Oliver and I talked about it fairly early on and he felt the same – although he wanted a boy and a girl, and I wanted three children.”

Because Oliver, at 38, is older than Rhian, the pair started trying for a baby a couple of years ago. Rhian has had

operations to remove cysts from her ovaries in the past, leaving one ovary smaller than the other. But she was reassured that this shouldn't affect her fertility.

At the private clinic, however, it was a different story.

Oliver was told he had “super sperm”, worthy of a donor, but that Rhian's medical history meant she might not be able to conceive.

She says: “They gave us the results of the blood tests, which monitor egg count, and my world came crashing down.

“Since then, I've been in pieces. I find myself waking up in the middle of the night thinking about it and it's just awful.

“To start with, I felt ashamed. I felt bad for myself but more so for Oliver because he really wanted a family and I feel like I've let the side down.

“I worry that I'm going to stop

him having a family because there's something wrong with me. But he's been amazing. I couldn't have asked for better.

“When I get upset, he's there for me and he says he isn't bothered but then he has to say that, doesn't he?”

Rhian admits it never occurred to her that she wouldn't be able to conceive naturally.

She says: “I'm really healthy – I go to the gym, I eat healthily, I don't smoke and I don't drink a lot, so this has come as a huge shock.

“I knew fertility goes down after 30 but you get into a stable position to start a family and then you expect it just to happen.

“But in my case, my mind says ‘yes’, my ovaries say ‘no’.”

Rhian has turned to a naturopath and is being put on a special diet and supplement plan in the hope it will boost her fertility.

Picture:
MATT
POVER

‘I have the eggs of a 45-year-old’

DEVASTATED
... Rhian

OPENS UP ABOUT FERTILITY HEARTACHE

I might not have kids. It feels like my womanhood has been taken away

GLAM ...
Rhian in
swimwear
shoot



LOVED UP ... with Oliver this month



FAMILY ... Rhian and mum Anita, left

In October, she and Oliver are going to have their first round of IVF, but first the newlyweds are going on a long overdue honeymoon.

Of the painful process that lies ahead, Rhian admits: "I know that IVF can take its toll emotionally and the egg retrieval process is quite invasive, but I've tried not to ask too many questions."

'I've been flooded with messages of support'

"Some people need two or three cycles to make it work and it costs up to £10,000 a cycle."

"Hopefully we will get one cycle on the NHS, but with a two per cent chance it could still be £20,000 or more before I get pregnant."

"That's why I want to do everything I can to try and boost my chances through natural

means." Rhian made headlines last week when she posted the news of her infertility test online.

She wrote on Twitter: "I received some pretty devastating news this week about my fertility, which means I will be trying IVF later this year."

"I wasn't going to share this news but I feel the need to highlight the struggles that a lot of women are going through."

Explaining her decision to go public further, Rhian says: "When you get told you might never have kids you feel like you're on your own. It feels like the end of the world. I know it's not but when you haven't spoken to anybody else about it, that's how it feels."

"That's why I decided to share my news on social media."

"Oliver was apprehensive about the post and said I should be prepared for trolls to say negative things but I can't begin to tell you

how much support I've had. I have been flooded with messages from people with success stories and people offering me help and I've been overwhelmed."

"So many women have come forward to say, 'We were told we had zero per cent chance' and they've ended up with a natural conception."

"That's left me feeling much more positive."

"A lot of women don't want to talk about infertility because they are embarrassed or ashamed or they don't feel like a proper woman any more."

"But I'm now convinced it's better to share it and connect with others in the same boat."

"I was a wreck last week but after seeing the support this week-end, I feel so much better."

"I know now that I'm not alone. And that gives me hope I may yet be a mum."



LAB ... fertilising egg

IVF: HOW IT WORKS

MOST women are born with all the eggs they will ever produce – roughly between one and two million – and they slowly lose these over their lifetime.

A woman has around 300,000 eggs left at puberty and will then lose up to a thousand a month in her fertile years.

Only the best eggs are released but the quality decreases the older the woman gets. It is believed this is why women closer to the menopause struggle to conceive naturally.

In vitro fertilisation (IVF) involves removing an egg from a woman's ovaries and fertilising it using sperm in a lab.

The fertilised egg, also known as an embryo, is then transferred back into a woman's womb to grow.

In 2010, roughly one in three women under 35 who had IVF went on to have a live birth. But that figure fell to just 1.9 per cent for women over the age of 44.

HOW TO ... FLY FRESH



FLIGHT PLAN ... look after your skin

FLYING can leave you feeling sluggish and wreak havoc with your skin, hair and even your bowels thanks to the combination of airline food, air conditioning and cramped seating.

To help you emerge fresh-faced from your flight, ISABEL DEIBE asked the experts for some advice.

GO MAKEUP-FREE: Jennifer Rock, of The Skin Nerd, says: "Try not to wear make-up to the airport. But if you do, remove it on the flight using my Cleanse Off Mitt (£5.13, theskinnerd.com). Just add water and it will remove even stubborn waterproof mascara. Unlike cleansers and micellar water, it doesn't take up any of your liquid allowance."

MASK IT UP: Jennifer says: "The low humidity on planes equals skin dehydration, with signs such as fine lines, flaking and dullness. As soon as your bum is in your assigned seat, slap a hyaluronic sheet mask on and allow your skin to be pumped full of plumping, water-binding hyaluronic to combat the dehydrating nature of the plane."

TRY A TOPKNOT: Celeb hair stylist Lee Stafford says: "Being up in the air can dry out your hair, leaving a frizzy, hot mess. Use a soft-tie hairband to secure hair into an updo. A loose topknot is perfect. This will minimise future frizz nightmares and by keeping it loosely tied, you can sit more comfortably, too."

CARRY A SERUM OR OIL: Lee suggests: "Always carry something like my Coco Loco Coconut Oil (£7.99), which gives your hair the extra moisture that flying strips away. It will also help to tame flyaways and frizz. Before you land, run the oil over any loose ends to check your style back into place and you will be touchdown-ready in next to no time."

AVOID PLANE FOOD: Nutritionist Kim Pearson, says: "Plane food is normally a recipe for bloating. Often based on starchy carbohydrates such as pasta, rice and bread, it will leave you feeling heavy and sluggish. Buy your own healthy, fresh and tasty food in the airport to take on board to avoid these triggers. Pret A Manger's boiled eggs and pots of berries are ideal breakfast choices, for example."

GET YOUR FILL OF FIBRE: Kim says: "Changes in bowel movement when travelling are common but being blocked up is bad for our health and a huge cause of bloating. Keep your digestive function running smoothly by eating plenty of fibrous foods, including vegetables, beans, lentils and chickpeas. And sip water throughout your journey. On the day of your flight, add oats into a protein powder, avocado and berry smoothie to get you off to a flying start on the fibre front."

LIMIT YOUR BOOZING: Kim says: "As tempting as it is to start your trip with a glass of bubbly, alcohol doesn't help bloating and is likely to cause water retention. If you can't resist, choose something such as still dry wine over fizzy prosecco or beer. Alternate between alcoholic drinks and water to make sure you stay hydrated and ensure you don't overdo it."

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The page where you tell Britain what you think

THE Sun's article about Barbara Windsor, *pictured*, and her Alzheimer's battle struck a chord.

My wife has this disease. After more than 55 years of marriage it is terrible to see, daily, your loved one leaving. There is nothing you can do but reassure them and tell them how much you love them.

Good luck to all in this situation.

NAME & ADDRESS SUPPLIED
I FEEL sad that fire has devastated Notre Dame, but it is just a building.

All the wealthy people rushing to donate millions to rebuild it would do better to help critical issues affecting the planet. Whether



Notre Dame is around in 100 years is **NOT** important, but how we look after this planet **IS**.

JENNY HAWARDEN
Ruthin, Denbighs

INSTEAD of disrupting ordinary working people in central London, why doesn't the climate rent-a-mob protest in places that really need reminding of the damage they are doing, namely Russia, China, and so on?

IVOR MCKENZIE
Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire

SUN columnist Trevor Kavanagh is right in thinking "The Blob", as he calls civil service mandarins, really

runs Britain. They have been in control for years – faceless, nameless people who can't be sacked, with jobs for life. They know that whoever is in Government one moment can be pushed out of power the next by giving them bad advice and guidance.

NEIL BLATCHFORD
Buckingham

SHILA Iqbal, *pictured*, deserved to lose her Emmerdale contract. She was 19 – old enough to know that no one should ever use the vile, racist words that she did in those old tweets. Well done, Emmerdale.

JONATHAN HUGHES
Walsall, West Mids

Hater Lammy is a Brextwit

£50 LETTER
WHAT a brilliant summing up of the arrogant and "hateful" David Lammy by Brendan O'Neill in The Sun yesterday.

Lammy's disdain for Brexit borders on obsessive and his comparison between its political supporters and the Nazis was as absurd as it was insulting.

He claims those who back Brexit are supporters of "hard-right fascism". He's too stupid even for the Labour Party.

ALEX DIXON
Morpeth, Northumberland
I WONDER why David Lammy and others who share his views often compare people that disagree with them to Nazis?

Do they not remember a regime just as anti-Semitic and anti-religious that repressed its people and was responsible for murdering millions more than the Nazis, including its own citizens and people who could challenge its authority?

It also had a secret police as ruthless and feared as the Gestapo. Soviet Communism.

PETER NASH
Ipswich

MP David Lammy admits that his own constituency has a high crime rate, high poverty rate for children and massive housing issues. In my day we called that failure. He should step down as an act of decency as he clearly is failing his constituents.

DAVE MACQUIRE
Sanderstead, South London

WHAT a complete idiot David Lammy is comparing Brexiteers as Nazis. Wrong way round.

The Nazis wanted all of Europe under their jackboot. Millions fought and died so other countries could be free.

Little did they know that years later European countries would

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HOW good to see that Primark doesn't sell online. Perhaps if more of our other shops did the same they would still be open.

ROSIE, Maidstone
THE eco protestors who are causing chaos in the middle of London are creating more pollution just by being there. I bet more of them used dirty transport to get to the protest than walked there.

MICK, Staffs
LEGAL Aid for IS bride Shamima Begum? How many more will jump on the bandwagon, costing taxpayers millions?

PETE, Hull

be heading towards a single superstate under the rule of unelected bureaucrats in Brussels.

So let's get this right. It is Remainers who are for enslavement to masters in Brussels.

Brexiteers are for freedom and running our own country.

IAN HILL
Doncaster, South Yorks

LABOUR MP David Lammy should stand down after his latest incendiary remarks about ERG and Boris Johnson. Such remarks only fuel the anger of those who want anarchy.

We don't need his vitriol starting any more trouble.

ADRIAN KELLY RILEY
Oxford

ALL those hard-working, honest people in the Labour strongholds who voted Leave, now know what

their party really thinks of them, thanks to David Lammy.

DENIS GRAHAM
Thorpe Thewles, Stockton-on-Tees

AFTER reading of David Lammy's ridiculous rant aimed at the Tory party's ERG Group I wondered what kind of society we would become should politicians with this kind of warped mentality ever form a government?

JOHN THOMPSON
Alfreton, Derbys

HOW can it be that Shamima Begum has been granted legal aid to fight the decision to revoke her citizenship?

After the revelations in The Sun of her alleged past involvement in making explosive vests she should never be considered for re-entry to the UK.

JAMES HOLDEN
Barnsley

HAS the UK gone totally mad? We are now paying lawyers for Ms Begum via our tax system.

She was reportedly part of a movement that killed our citizens and soldiers and now we are paying for lawyers for her.

This is a kick in the teeth for our Armed Forces.

DAVE BALDERSTONE
Manchester

I'M 83 and still working and paying tax and some of it will fund Shamima Begum. As for calling her an innocent child – what rubbish.

FRANCES MARIN
Upminster, Essex

IF Begum has been stripped of British citizenship, how can she qualify for British legal aid?

DAVID BUCKELL
Hull

JEREMY Corbyn defends the IS bride in her bid for legal aid yet kids in this country are starving. This shows how out of touch politicians are with real people.

TOMMY HAZLEHURST
Selby, North Yorks

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ARIES March 21 – April 20

You are brighter and smarter than ever as Mercury arrives in your sign for a 20-day stay. You have promising ideas – the difference is you turn them into action instead of waiting for a lucky break. Later, a partnership moon makes you trust in love again without being reckless with your feelings.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

Your intuition is strong and your way of asking questions gets people to tell you more than they mean to which gives you an advantage at work. Stake your claim as soon as you discover that opportunity. Being the first to say you are falling in love may get a hotter response than you expect.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

Your personal planet Mercury brings out your skill for handling people especially those who are talented but too aware of it. Now you prove how much more can be achieved by teamwork. The moon shines its light on the pleasure centre of your chart reminding you fun is a vital part of love.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

Yes, it can be tempting to change yourself to fit in with a partner, friends and family. But Venus in your truth-telling chart reminds you a partner was attracted to the real you. If you are looking for love, find it in a travel queue. The moon soothes moods within the family.

LEO July 23 – August 23

Mercury, the mind-sharpening planet, settles in your education chart and you could enjoy the learning process. The moon is all about communication and one text could rebuild a family bond. Sometimes love is a choice between friendship and passion but today you find both in the same partnership.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

The focus is on family life and finances and you are ready to lead the conversation – it is suddenly much easier to set aside your feelings and focus on a totally fair deal. All the love doubts go when you realise that a partner appreciates you in every way. The initial "B" identifies a hot passion prospect.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

If you are single, it is tempting to keep choosing the same kind of partner but success means widening the search and finding a different love. Working with a partner could go very well when one of you has creative skills and the other can be so disciplined and smart about the finances.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

You may not believe in love at first sight but that will not stop it happening to you, especially when you are introduced to another Scorpio. With Venus in the winning part of your chart, established couples could be sharing a cash prize. At work, the extra help you give to a newcomer is appreciated.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

Smart planet Mercury is now on talent-spotting duty and a gift you have never used has the power to transform your future. It could involve composing songs, or writing about your life. If you start the day single, you may think a friend's match-making plan is too ambitious – until you see how well it works.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

Your home chart is at the centre of the action and the facts involved in moving to a new place are suddenly much clearer. You can also see a way to create the space you need to run a family business. Single? Do not double-book your heart. Two people are interested but make a firm choice.

AQUARIUS January 21 – February 18

As Mercury moves into your communication chart, saying how you feel is easier and inspires a partner to do the same. If you are single, there is real love potential when someone's ideas fascinate you. A last minute rush at work gives you a genuine chance to impress. Luck is extra hot for "K" names.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

It is all about money as Mercury helps you to think calmly about finances and make wise choices. You accept that no partner can be perfect but value the one you love. If you start the day single, a meeting where your favourite music is playing can be the start of a very special romance.

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Which number comes next in this sequence?

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TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

Two sets of clues but the answers are the same

Cryptic clues

ACROSS

- 8 O! Write song outside! (4-3)
9 Dog has time to complain (5)
10 Lady married first man (5)
11 Travelling light? (7)
12 Furore with theatrical flop in prankster's article (5,4)
15 Number ten is back (3)
16 Music for old man (3)
17 Tape that needs tying again? (9)
20 Reversed role: sailor as pest controller (3,4)
22 Loom where London executions occurred (5)
24 Desperate character at church disco (5)
25 Self-inflicted damage to have purpose (3,4)

DOWN

- 1 Orderly system in discos mostly (6)
2 Crook from north in sack (4)
3 Parliamentarian in warm lake swimming (8)
4 Noble person seen in Paris today (6)
5 Maniacs getting lift to floor (4)
6 Write and ask about sport (5-3)
7 Decisive point in false claim by Times (6)
13 Mon petit could be powerless (8)
14 Singer to ban one note (8)
16 March features Norm and Andrew regularly (6)
18 Hostage-taker in cover on hill (6)
19 Confuse lager with bitter initially (6)
21 Main bank first to raise charge in recession (4)
23 Seek hand of daughter in club (4)

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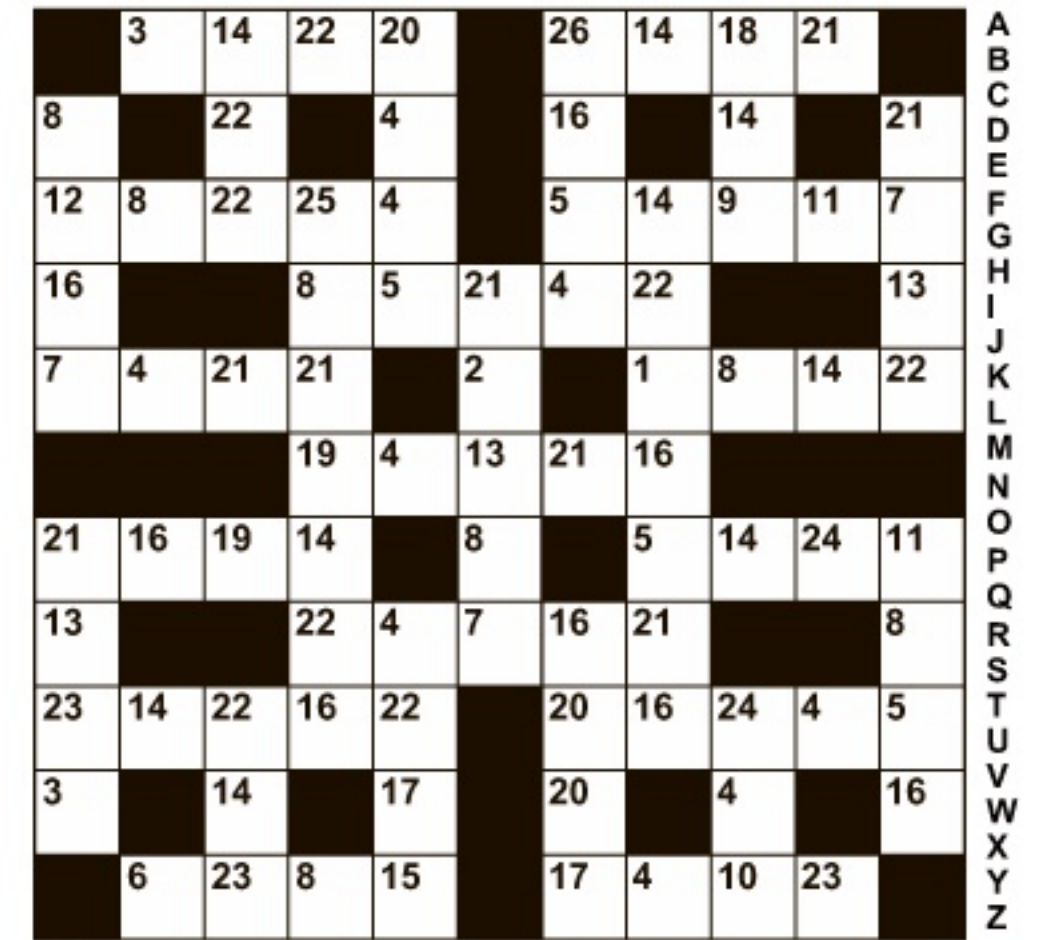
ACROSS

- 8 Alfresco (4-3)
9 Straggles (5)
10 Spoilt girl (informal) (5)
11 Bright ray (7)
12 Malodorous pellet (5,4)
15 Shot clearing the boundary (3)
16 Burst (3)
17 CD for example (9)
20 Rodent snare (3,4)
22 Tall building (5)
24 Move to music (5)
25 Footballing blunder (3,4)

DOWN

- 1 Universe (6)
2 Flex (4)
3 Legislator (8)
4 Toff (informal) (6)
5 Daze or shock (4)
6 Ride behind a speedboat (5-3)
7 Most intense moment (6)
13 Helpless or incapable (8)
14 Male voice (8)
16 Procession (6)
18 One confining another (6)
19 Distort a message (6)
21 Coral ridge (4)
23 Small forest (4)

WORD WORKOUT



THIS is the world's best brain teaser. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 4 is the letter A, write A in all the squares with a 4. All the alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. We will print the answers tomorrow.
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WORDSEARCH

Find seven Scottish football players in the grid. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally. Solution below.



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THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a TV host:

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- 3 & 9 US Secretary of State under George W. Bush from 2005-2009
4 & 7 British singer whose debut hit was the 1981 single Kids In America
2 & 6 Stand-up comedian and actor; star of the sitcoms Cuckoo and Man Down (fourth and fifth letters of surname)
5 US model Jerry, who married Rupert Murdoch in 2016
1 & 8 US star who won the Best Actress Oscar for 1983's Terms Of Endearment (last two letters of surname)

● Yesterday: Artist TRACEY EMIN (Thomas Müller, (Sarah Jessica) Parker, Richard Coles, (Daniel) Day-Lewis, (Charlie) Chaplin). Another Name Game in the Sun tomorrow.
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SUNDIAL



SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals.

Words from Collins Concise Dictionary.
BRILLIANT: 46. EXCELLENT: 39. GOOD: 32. GREAT SCORE FOR KIDS: 25.

YESTERDAY: Albino, align, alit, along, alto, anil, bail, baling, balti, biltong, blag, blain, blat, bling, bloat, blog, blot, boil, bola, bolt, bolting, galiot, gaol, gilt, glia, glib, glint, gloat, glob, goal, goblin, lain, ling, linga, lingo, lino, lint, lion, loan, Logan, login, loin, long, nail, tabling, tail, talion, talon, tiglon, toil, tonal.

Eight-letter word: Bloating.

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Teaser

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Two-Speed Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Scorch 5 Relish 8 (d)Avid 9 True-love 10 S-trapped 11 C-log 12 Make-up 15 D-e-part 17 Star 19 Lemonade 22 Aquari(s)-m 23 In-N-S 24 New-man 25 C-ant-on.
DOWN: 2 Cl-vet 3 Red tape 4 He-tup 5 Round-ed 6 Lilac 7 Sav-i-our 13 Antique 14 Pil-ion 16 Pension 18 Real-M 20 Mi-mi-c 21 Din-go.

Today's Solutions

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Amid escalating costs on a key bridge contract, the firm said it will "reduce the size of the construction business, focusing on its key strengths in markets and sectors with sustainable prospects".

The review process is expected to result in reduced profitability in the current year due to contract reassessments and restructuring costs.

Analysts had pencilled in a £156million profit for the full year, but this could now be £116million.

The single largest bill relates to the Queensferry Crossing joint venture, a road bridge in Scotland that has recently seen its cost estimates shoot up.

Shares in the company closed down 20.5 per cent at 576.50p.

Russ Mould of investment firm AJ Bell said: "Cut-throat competition resulted in a lack of discipline and low-ball bids for contracts which made turning a profit nearly impossible."

But he added Galliford seems to be acknowledging the need for "a more disciplined approach".

APPLE AND QUAL DEAL

TECH titans **APPLE** and **QUALCOMM** have settled a long-running feud to avoid one of them being hit with a bill for billions of dollars in damages.

Just a day after a high-stakes trial between the two started, they agreed to end all ongoing litigation worldwide in exchange for a new licensing agreement.

The deal, after a global dispute over payments for thousands of Qualcomm patents, involves "a payment from Apple to Qualcomm", a statement said.

The loser was facing a huge bill. Qualcomm, which makes chips and other hardware for iPhones, may have had to pay £20billion.

STRIKE AT AIRPORTS

BAGGAGE-handlers at Heathrow and Luton airports are to strike at the end of the month in separate disputes over pay.

Unite said 300 of its members employed by GH LONDON at Heathrow will walk out for four days from April 26 after voting by 99 per cent in favour of action over six years of pay freezes.

Airlines handled by GH London at Heathrow include: Air India, Thai Airlines, Alitalia, Saudi Arabian Airlines, Gulf Air, Air Serbia and Air Malta.

And 120 Unite members employed by the same company at Luton will strike for a week.

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CARDS STILL FLAT

CARD FACTORY has managed "flat" like-for-like sales, despite tough times on the high street. Total sales were up 3.3 per cent to £436million in the year to January 31, thanks to 51 new store openings. It now has 972 stores in its estate.

And online sales on the

core Card Factory website grew by 56.3 per cent.

Shares rose by almost 10 per cent yesterday.

CEO Karen Hubbard said: "Our focus has been on continual improvements to our customer offer, more innovative ranges and maintaining our quality and value."



SANT'S 40YR LOAN

SANTANDER is extending its mortgage terms to a possible 40 years after finding nearly half of homebuyers would consider taking a longer loan to get on to the property ladder.

The lender reckons a 40-year mortgage could help 3.25million more

first-time buyers by lowering their repayments.

The cost of an average monthly repayment for a 25-year mortgage falls by £263 when spread over a 40-year period.

It would also save them £178,500 compared with renting over the same timescale.



BREWDOG'S UNLEASHED

BREWDOG plans to have 100 bars by the end of the year — up from 87 now — as it opens outlets with cash raised from beer fans.

The craft brewer, known for Punk IPA, is tapping investors for £7million to pay for its ambitious plans which include completing two new breweries overseas.

Potential investors — what the firm calls its "equity punks" — can put in as little as £25 in exchange for perks such as a lifetime discount.

Over a million pounds has been raised so far, said founder James Watt.



Exceedingly fearful... Mr Kipling

PREMIER'S BREAK-UP LOOMING

PREMIER FOODS — the firm behind Mr Kipling cakes, Bisto gravy and Ambrosia custard — has hired boutique advisory firm **D'ANGELIN & CO** as it examines a possible sale or break-up in a strategic review.

Premier launched the review in February, bowing to pressure from investors **OASIS** and **PAULSON**, who own more than 20 per cent of the group and had called for a radical shake-up.

The activists scored a victory in November when chief executive Gavin Darby said he would stand down following criticism from Oasis.

Any break-up or sale would be complicated by the firm's large-scale pension liabilities and £500million debt pile.

J&J SEES PROFIT DIP

JOHNSON & JOHNSON, which has faced lawsuits claiming its talc products caused cancer, has reported a 14 per cent fall in net profits in the first three months of the year.

The results — the first from the major US pharmaceuticals companies — were ahead of estimates.

It expects sales for the year to rise between 2.5 per cent and 3.5 per cent — more than first anticipated.

Alex Gorsky, chairman and chief executive, said: "We remain focused on investing in innovative technologies that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients."

'WINE BAR' SPORTSWEAR GIVES RETAILER A BOOST

Trackie bottoms up for JD

YOUNGER consumers' love of "athleisure" wear that can be worn from gym to bar has helped JD SPORTS to record annual results.

The sportswear retailer said pre-tax profits rose 15.4 per cent to £339.9million in the year to February 2, with revenues jumping 49.2 per cent to £4.7billion.

Executive chairman Peter Cowgill said: "We recognise the change in focus for millennials and [the even younger] Generation Z. We are delivering an experience they desire and enjoy, with the best products."

He said the line has blurred between sports and leisure for this demographic, adding: "People might now wear gym kit in a wine bar."

Russ Mould, investment director at AJ Bell, said: "JD is living proof that parts of the retail sector are alive and well. It is engaging

On a roll... Cowgill



Crossover... clobber is so versatile

with customers by offering exclusive products and staying abreast of changing fashions."

The company opened a net 83 new stores last year — including 78 in international markets.

It has also been on the acquisition trail.

In recent weeks, it has rescued Liam Gallagher's fashion brand **PRETTY GREEN** from administration and made a £90.1million takeover offer for **FOOTASYLUM**.



RBS BOSS PAY RAP

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND investors are being urged to vote down chief executive Ross McEwan's £3.6million pay, which has been branded "excessive".

Shareholder advisors **PIRC** said elements of Mr McEwan's pay are "inappropriate", and pointed to the fact he is paid 46 times more than the

average bank employee. **PIRC** said ahead of the bank's annual general meeting next week: "The ratio of CEO to average employee has been estimated and is found unacceptable at 46:1."

It also took issue with his total variable pay, which it calculated at 211.1 per cent of salary.

CLOSING PRICES

A selection of last night's FTSE closing prices:
BARCLAYS down 0.28 at 167.40
BP down 1.8 at 568.10
CENTRICA down 2.05 at 107.00
HSBC up 6.9 at 662.80
LLOYDS up 0.67 at 65.84
M&S up 2.7 at 281.50

MORRISONS down 1.5 at 222.90
RBS flat at 262.50
ROYAL MAIL down 0.8 at 263.50
SAINSBURY'S down 2.9 at 231.20
TESCO up 0.09 at 249.39
Full share prices in Saturday's paper

SECURE GROWTH

THE security giant at the centre of recent takeover interest, **G4S**, has posted first quarter revenue growth and said it is progressing with separating its cash business.

Revenues for the first quarter to March 31 rose 4.8 per cent on the back of growth across all regions and divisions.

Shares in the British firm surged recently after Canadian security firm **GARDA WORLD** said it is considering a takeover of G4S — or part of it.

G4S said in December it was looking to split off its cash business to focus on its security operations. It says it has made "good progress" on this.

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PIECE OF THE ACTION

IT will be game, Set and match in the Craven.

SET PIECE looked smart in two all-weather wins.

He can prove to be just as good on turf and seems to have topped a decent draw.

Hugo Palmer and Frankie Dettori won the 2,000 Guineas with Galileo Gold three years ago and I reckon they will take this Classic trial.

1.50 NEW: **YOUSINI** began with a bang on debut at Hamilton before giving weight and a beating to Rocket Roy. He went on to be placed in two Listed races so Youisini must be well weighted. My tip has had a breathing op and been gelded over the winter so potential for improvement is huge.

Breath Of Air beat last Saturday's Greenham hero Mohaather last term so sets

TEMPLEGATE'S TV TIPS



By **STEVE JONES**

a good standard — but he is unproven on fast ground.

Chapelli made a promising return but might be better at five furlongs. I nearly chanced **Don Armado**. His form on fast ground is solid.

2.25 NEW: It adds up for **GEOMATRICIAN** in the annual guessing game of the Wood Ditton.

Andrew Balding is flying and his well-bred colt is reported to be very useful.

Jim Crowley has plumped for **Al Hadeer** out of Sheikh Hamdan's four. That's a pointer but the owner's No1 jockey picked the wrong one last year when Owen Burrows and Dane O'Neill won it. They have **Damlaj** who will surely be fit and ready.

2.40 CHE: **KINGS MON-ARCH** should strike gold in the Silver Trophy.

He has hit form and this improving youngster could get the race set up for him with the likely strong pace.

Mister Whitaker must bounce back from flopping in Cheltenham's Ultima.

Highway One O One found the ground too soft at the Festival but he will not be helped by **Imperial Presence** or **Wenyerready-freddie** as all three like to make the running.

3.00 NEW: **BRANDO** is the godfather of the Abernant. Kevin Ryan's speedster goes for his third straight win in this and has not been beaten on his sea-

sonal comeback since his debut five years ago.

Last year he was second in two Group 1s — the July Cup and Sprint Cup at Haydock — so he should be too good for this company.

Dreamfield came within a neck of land a monster punt in the Wokingham but must prove he is up to this.

Consistent sprinter **Yafra** won a Group 3 at Newbury in July and is one to follow. **Equilateral** is classy but must settle better. Front-running **Stewards' Cup** hero **Gifted Master** will help him by setting a decent pace.

3.35 NEW: **SET PIECE** can hit the target.

Many top trainers now use all-weather tracks to

introduce their best prospects and I was impressed how Set Piece won at Kempton and Newcastle with plenty of subsequent winners behind him both times.

Zakouski is another yet to race on turf. He was hot stuff at Kempton and the step up to a mile can only help.

Royal Marine didn't like the dirt in Dubai and is best judged on his Group 1 win at Longchamp on Arc day.

Broome — second in that race — bolted up in the Ballysax last week so Royal Marine gets maximum respect.

Confiding was no match for Too Darn Hot on his final start of last season but I'm told he has really grown up over the winter.



GET SET... top tip Set Piece wins at Kempton

Fab Qab cut after Gwyn win

By **STEVE JONES**

QABALA was slashed from 40-1 to 4-1 favourite to win the 1,000 Guineas after an easy Nell Gwyn success.

Roger Varian's filly was backed into 100-30 favourite for Newmarket's Classic trial. Despite missing the break, she showed a smart turn of foot to quicken up and beat stablemate Mot Juste a length and three-quarters.

Roger Varian said: "She was inexperienced but I was delighted how she switched off and quickened. We have high hopes for her."

Meanwhile, John Gosden will decide early next week if Too Darn Hot will be able to run in the 2,000 Guineas. Gosden said: "The heat is pretty well out of the leg but we will need two clear weeks to get him ready."

DAY TWO OF NEWMARKET ON ITV4: 1.50, 2.25, 3.00 & 3.35

TEMPLEGATE

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| 1.50 | Yousini (nb) |
| 2.25 | Geomatician |
| 3.00 | BRANDO (nap) |
| 3.35 | Set Piece |
| 4.10 | Aristocratic Lady |
| 4.45 | Jalmoud |
| 5.20 | Kamikaze Lord |

TOM PEPPER

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|------|----------------|
| 1.50 | Breath Of Air |
| 2.25 | Al Hadeer |
| 3.00 | Brando |
| 3.35 | Zakouski |
| 4.10 | Handmaiden |
| 4.45 | Doughan Alb |
| 5.20 | Harbour Spirit |

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Brando and Youisini (double, both Newmarket) with Parion (Southwell). **TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE:** Birkenhead (Beverley) and Milldean Panther (Southwell). **SUNRATINGS' NAP:** BRANDO (3.00 Newmarket), SIRIUS, Sun On Sunday, nap: ROYAL MARINE (3.35 Newmarket).

GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

TIC-TAC: Rowley Mile is 2m 2f long, with a bend at 1m. Races up to 1m 2f on straight. **DRAW:** Inconsistent. **FAVOURITES:** (2014-19): 222 have won out of 739 races (30%). On corresponding cards, 49 have won out of 169 races (29%). **LIVE ON RACINGTV**

TOP TRAINERS

2014-19 J Gosden 62-320, C Appleby 49-202, R Hannon 40-345, S bin Suroor 27-143.

TOP JOCKEYS

2014-19 W Buick 55-298, R L Moore 52-315, L Dettori 45-225, James Doyle 28-229, J Crowley 27-224, A Atzeni 27-272.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RUN FOR A NEW YARD: 3.00 Time's Arrow P Sogor (Fr) to D O'Meara; 4.10 Queen Of Burgundy W Haggas to Mrs C Dunnett; 5.20 Archaeology J P Murtagh (Ire) to J O'Keefe; J God has Given R Hannon to I Williams; Over The Guns P Cole to K Burke; The Corporal A P O'Brien (Ire) to C Wall. **RACEFAX:** K Ryan won the 3.00 in 2014, 2015, 2017 & 2018. **LONGEST TRAVELLERS:** Chapelli (1.50) trained by M Johnston, Middleham, round trip of 400 miles; Archaeology (5.20) trained by J O'Keefe, Leyburn, round trip of 394 miles; Over The Guns (5.20) & Self Assessment (5.20) trained by K Burke, Leyburn, round trip of 394 miles.

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None. **FIRST TIME BLINKERS:** None. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** None. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** Moyassar (1.50), Youisini (1.50). **WEIGHTWATCHER:** None. **JOB JOCKEY:** James Doyle rides Desert Icon (2.25), Skardu (3.35) for W Haggas, 66 from 228, 29%. S De Sousa rides Kung Fu (2.25), Cape Cavalli (4.45) for S Crisford, 34 from 116, 29%.

1.50 BET365 HANDICAP (Class 2) 3-Y-O; value to the winner £16,172; 6f (11 runners)

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| 1 | 21232- MOYASSAR 168 (BF,D) | Jim Crowley | 92 |
| (7) | R Hannon 9-7 | Placed: 4 | £23,331 |
| Runs: 6 | Wins: 1 (A) | Placed: 4 | £23,331 |
| 2 | 24135- JACK'S POINT 155 | Martin Dwyer | 92 |
| (5) | W Muir 9-6 | Placed: 3 | £20,727 |
| Runs: 7 | Wins: 1 (A) | Placed: 3 | £20,727 |
| 3 | 813- BREATH OF AIR 172 (D) | Ryan Moore | 93 |
| (1) | C Hills 9-2 | Placed: 1 | £9,697 |
| Runs: 3 | Wins: 1 (GS) | Placed: 1 | £9,697 |
| 4 | 3475-2 CHAPELLI 8 | James Doyle | 92 |
| (2) | M Johnston 9-2 | Placed: 1 | £23,302 |
| Runs: 8 | Wins: 2 (F,G) | Placed: 1 | £23,302 |
| 5 | 45-436 DON ARMADO 46 (T;D) | Richard Kingscote | 91 |
| (8) | S C Williams 9-1 | Placed: 2 | £31,353 |
| Runs: 11 | Wins: 2 (2F) | Placed: 2 | £31,353 |
| 6 | 1140-4 OBERYN MARTELL 55 (D) | Charles Bishop | 85 |
| (10) | E J-Houghton 9-1 | Placed: 1 | £14,682 |
| Runs: 6 | Wins: 2 (2F) | Placed: 1 | £14,682 |
| 7 | 1126- YOUSINI 217 | Tom Eaves | 97 |
| (3) | K Ryan 9-0 | Placed: 1 | £14,684 |
| Runs: 4 | Wins: 2 (2F) | Placed: 1 | £14,684 |
| 8 | 1219- NAUGHTY RASCAL 172 (D) | Tom Marquand | 98 |
| (9) | R Hannon 9-0 | Placed: 1 | £13,964 |
| Runs: 4 | Wins: 2 (A,G) | Placed: 1 | £13,964 |
| 9 | 22240- ALFIE SOLOMONS 193 | Tom Queally | 89 |
| (11) | R Spencer 8-13 | Placed: 3 | £73,343 |
| Runs: 9 | Wins: 1 (A) | Placed: 3 | £73,343 |
| 10 | 12-1 TOP BREEZE 23 (D) | Shane Kelly | 99 |
| (6) | R Hughes 8-9 | Placed: 1 | £10,966 |
| Runs: 3 | Wins: 2 (2A) | Placed: 1 | £10,966 |
| 11 | 3185- SHEILA'S SHOWCASE 191 | David Egan | 89 |
| (4) | D Coakley 8-4 | Placed: 1 | £3,866 |
| Runs: 4 | Wins: 1 (G) | Placed: 1 | £3,866 |

BETTING: 5-2 Breath Of Air, 4 Moyassar, 9-2 Chapelli, 8 Top Breeze, 10 Youisini, 12 Alfie Solomons, Naughty Rascal
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 3 1 1 5
2018: Maybride 8-10, O Murphy 6-1 (R Fahey), drawn 2, 9 ran.

Sun Racing FORM

MOYASSAR (9-10) 6-4 fav strong challenge and every chance run-in, just failed, b/n sh hd by She Can Boogie (8-10) (7 ran) (Nottingham 5f hcap (2) £10,350 good to firm).
JACK'S POINT (8-12) 7-1 raced alone, pushed along 2f out, one pace, 5th of 10 (b/n 5/4) to Barbill (8-12) (Chantilly 5f Listed £26,549 soft).
BREATH OF AIR (9-1) 5-1 led 1f out until run-in, one pace, 3rd of 9 (b/n 4/4) to San Donato (9-1) (Doncaster 6f Listed (1) £17,013 good to soft).
CHAPELLI (9-7) 13-2 led final furlong, headed finish, b/n 7/1 by Ventura Ocean (8-11) (11 ran) (Pontefract 6f hcap (3) £7,470 good to firm).
DON ARMADO (9-2) 12-1 in touch, ridden 1f out, faded, eased run-in, last of 6 (well b/n) to Fanaar (9-2) (Lingfield 7f Listed (1) £25,520 AW).
OBERYN MARTELL (9-3) 10-1 led until 1f out, headed run-in 4th of 8 (b/n 11) to Liberation Day (8-9) (W'hampton 6f hcap (3) £7,439 AW).
ALFIE SOLOMONS (8-13) 6-1 led until 2f out, 4th of 7 (b/n 7/4) to Khadem (8-13) **YOUSINI** (9-1) 7-1 held, 6th (b/n 9/4) (7 ran) (Doncaster 6f cond (2) £11,205 good to soft).
NAUGHTY RASCAL (9-7) 5-1 keen, chased leaders, faded 1f out, 9th of 14 (b/n 5/4) to Luxor (9-1) (Newbury 6f hcap (3) £6,469 good to soft).
ALFIE SOLOMONS (9-2) 33-1 handy, ridden 2f out, 20th of 21 (well b/n) to Summer Daydream (8-9) (Redcar 6f Listed (1) £9,242 good).
TOP BREEZE (9-9) 4-6 fav led until 3f out, led again run-in, just nudged out, bt Sound Of Iona (8-11) 1/4 (11 ran) (W'hampton 5f nov (5) £4,916 AW).
SHEILA'S SHOWCASE (9-9) 5-1 led, driven and headed 1f out, faded, 5th of 10 (b/n 3/4) to Intuitive (9-2) (Kempton 6f nov (5) £3,881 AW).

2.25 BET365 WOOD DITTON MAIDEN STAKES (3); 3-y-o; value to the winner £9,704; 1m (12 runners)

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| 1 | AL HADEER W Haggas 9-5 | Jim Crowley | |
| (2) | Damlaj O Burrows 9-5 | Dane O'Neill | |
| 2 | DESERT ICON W Haggas 9-5 | James Doyle | |
| (3) | GEOMATRICIAN A Balding 9-5 | David Probert | |
| 3 | JUNOOH Sir M Stoute 9-5 | Ryan Moore | |
| (4) | KUNG FU S Crisford 9-5 | Silvestre De Sousa | |
| 4 | MUTARAFFA (H*) C Hills 9-5 | Richard Kingscote | |
| (5) | SAMBA SARAVAH J Nosedo 9-5 | Jason Watson | |
| 5 | UAE JEWEL R Varian 9-5 | Andrea Atzeni | |
| (6) | WILD ANIMAL S bin Suroor 9-5 | Christophe Soumillon | |
| 6 | CAESONIA C Hills 9-0 | Jamie Spencer | |
| (7) | INSPIRATIONAL E Dunlop 9-0 | Daniel Muscutt | |
| 7 | | | |

BETTING: 7-2 Al Hadeer, 4 Uae Jewel, 5 Wild Animal, 6 Junooch, Desert Icon
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3-5 1 6 6-0
2018: Sawwaah 9-5 D O'Neill 25-1 (O Burrows) drawn 19, 19 ran.

3.00 CONNAUGHT ABERNANT STAKES (GRP 3); winner £34,026; 6f (8 runners)

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| 1 | 42824- BRANDO 179 (CD) | Tom Eaves | 99 |
| (6) | K Ryan 7-9-7 | Placed: 11 | £863,904 |
| Runs: 30 | Wins: 8 (2S,F,2GS,2G) | Placed: 11 | £863,904 |
| 2 | 1267- DREAMFIELD 235 (BF,C,D) | James Doyle | 93 |
| (1) | J Gosden 5-9-7 | Placed: 1 | £59,424 |
| Runs: 6 | Wins: 3 (F,2GS) | Placed: 1 | £59,424 |
| 3 | 8144-3 EQUILATERAL 18 (BF,D) | Ryan Moore | 94 |
| (3) | C Hills 4-9-7 | Placed: 1 | £25,913 |
| Runs: 9 | Wins: 3 (2F,GS) | Placed: 1 | £25,913 |
| 4 | 0155-6 GIFTED MASTER 39 (B;CD) | Jason Watson | 87 |
| (4) | H Palmer 6-9-7 | Placed: 2 | £753,472 |
| Runs: 29 | Wins: 11 (6F,A,GS,3G) | Placed: 2 | £753,472 |
| 5 | 98-18 KEYSTROKE 39 (T;D) | Adam Kirby | 78 |
| (7) | S C Williams 7-9-7 | Placed: 2 | £91,935 |
| Runs: 18 | Wins: 6 (S,4A,GS) | Placed: 2 | £91,935 |
| 6 | 113-55 SIR THOMAS GRESHAM 51 (T;BF,CD) | Martin Dwyer | 77 |
| (8) | T Pinfield 4-9-7 | Placed: 1 | £15,327 |
| Runs: 5 | Wins: 2 (2S) | Placed: 1 | £15,327 |
| 7 | 11607- TIME'S ARROW 213 (D) | Daniel Tudhope | 93 |
| (2) | D O'Meara 5-9-7 | Placed: 4 | £86,674 |
| Runs: 17 | Wins: 5 (F,2A,G) | Placed: 4 | £86,674 |
| 8 | 12217- YAFRA 242 (CD) | Jim Crowley | 96 |
| (5) | R Hannon 4-9-7 | Placed: 5 | £108,311 |
| Runs: 11 | Wins: 4 (2F,A,G) | Placed: 5 | £108,311 |

BETTING: 6-4 Brando, 3 Dreamfield, 11-2 Yafra, 7 Gifted Master, Equilateral, 20 Time's Arrow, 25 Keystroke
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 3 1 1 6
2018: Brando 6-9-7, T Eaves 9-2 (K Ryan), dr 6, 8 ran.

Sun Racing FORM

BRANDO (9-2) 13-2 slow away, soon in touch in 5th, ridden, kept on, 4th of 14 (b/n 2/4) to Sand Of Mali (9-1) (Ascot 6f Grp 1 (1) £358,691 soft).
GIFTED MASTER (9-1) 4-1 led stands' side until 2f out, 5th of 7 (b/n 4/4) to Limato (9-1) **DREAMFIELD** (9-1) 11-10 fav led centre group until ridden 1f out, last (b/n 11) (Newmarket 6f Listed (1) £22,684 good to firm).
EQUILATERAL (9-8) 11-4 fav held up, pulled hard, headway to chase leaders 2f out, stayed on, 3rd of 8 (b/n 2/4) to Invincible Army (9-8) (Doncaster 6f Listed (1) £20,983 good).
GIFTED MASTER (9-0) 12-1 no threat, 6th of 11 (b/n 9) to Blue Point (9-0) (Meydan 6f Grp 3 £156,434 good).
KEYSTROKE (9-3) 10-1 last of 8 (b/n 9) to Above The Rest (9-3) (W'hampton 7f Listed (1) £28,355 AW).
SIR THOMAS GRESHAM (9-7) 3-1 fav led until 1f out, no extra, 5th of 9 (b/n 3) to Merhoob (9-1) (W'hampton 6f hcap (2) £11,828 AW).
TIME'S ARROW (9-2) 25-1 rear, pushed along 2f out, 7th of 11 (b/n 4/4) to Tornibush (9-2) (Longchamp 7f Grp 3 £35,398 good to soft).
YAFRA (9-1) 6-1 one pace, held, 7th of 8 (b/n 7/4) to Sir Dancalot (9-9) (Newbury 7f Grp 2 £85,065 good).

3.35 BET365 CRAVEN STAKES (GROUP 3) (1) 3-Y-O; winner £34,026; 1m (10 runners)

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| 1 | 133- CONFIDING 228 | Rob Hornby | 93 |
| (7) | M Meade 9-0 | Placed: 1 | £31,687 |
| Runs: 3 | Wins: 1 (F) | Placed: 1 | £31,687 |
| 2 | 1-1 GLOBAL SPECTRUM 74 | Gerald Mosse | 86 |
| (6) | G Kelleway 9-0 | Placed: 2 | £7,763 |
| Runs: 2 | Wins: 2 (2A) | Placed: 2 | £7,763 |
| 3 | 1-1 JACKSTAR 22 (C) | Richard Kingscote | 88 |
| (3) | T Dascombe 9-0 | Placed: 1 | £8,927 |
| Runs: 2 | Wins: 2 (A,GS) | Placed: 1 | £8,927 |
| 4 | 312- MOMKIN 236 (BF) | R Charlton 9-0 | 90 |
| (5) | R Charlton 9-0 | Placed: 2 | £8,912 |
| Runs: 3 | Wins: 1 (F) | Placed: 2 | £8,912 |
| 5 | 135- PRINCE EIJI 175 | Doubtful | 84 |
| (9) | R Varian 9-0 | Placed: 1 | £13,143 |
| Runs: 3 | Wins: 1 (G) | Placed: 1 | £13,143 |
| 6 | 611-4 ROYAL MARINE 97 (BF,D) | Christophe Soumillon | 99 |
| (4) | S bin Suroor 9-0 | Placed: 2 | £236,649 |
| Runs: 4 | Wins: 2 (2GS) | Placed: 2 | £236,649 |
| 7 | 1-1 SET PIECE 99 (D) | Frankie Dettori | 86 |
| (2) | H Palmer 9-0 | Placed: 1 | £10,609 |
| Runs: 2 | Wins: 2 (2A) | Placed: 1 | £10,609 |

BETTING: 6-4 Brando, 3 Dreamfield, 11-2 Yafra, 7 Gifted Master, Equilateral, 20 Time's Arrow, 25 Keystroke
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 3 1 1 6
2018: Brando 6-9-7, T Eaves 9-2 (K Ryan), dr 6, 8 ran.

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| 8 | 1- SKARDU 201 (C) | James Doyle | 92 |
| (1) | W Haggas 9-0 | Placed: 1 | £6,469 |
| Runs: 1 | Wins: 1 (F) | Placed: 1 | £6,469 |
| 9 | 1251- WATAN 170 | Ryan Moore | 93 |
| (8) | R Hannon 9-0 | Placed: 1 | £45,067 |
| Runs: 4 | Wins: 2 (GS,G) | Placed: 1 | £45,067 |
| 10 | 1- ZAKOUSKI 147 | William Buick | 96 |
| (10) | C Appleby 9-0 | Placed: 1 | £3,881 |
| Runs: 1 | Wins: 1 (A) | Placed: 1 | £3,881 |

BETTING: 2 Zakouski, 9-4 Royal Marine, 6 Skardu, 8 Set Piece, 12 Confiding, Watan, 14 Global Spectrum, 25 Jackstar, Momkin
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3 2 6 3
2018: Masar 9-0, W Buick 7-2 (C Appleby), dr 3, 6 ran.

Sun Racing FORM

CONFIDING (9-1) 6-1 in touch, ridden 2f out, kept on one pace, 3rd of 6 (b/n 7/4) to Too Darn Hot (9-1) (Kempton 7f nov (6) £3,881 AW).
WATAN (9-1) 5-1 held up, not going well 2f out, soon eased, 5th (b/n 16) (Sandown 7f Grp 3 £28,355 good).
GLOBAL SPECTRUM (9-4) 4-6 fav made all, quickened 1f out, stayed on, bt Derry Boy (8-11) 1/4 (10 ran) (Newmarket 1m (4) £6,728 AW).
SKARDU (9-0) 33-1 held up, smooth headway 2f out, switched final furlong, quickened to lead, ran on, bt Velorum (9-0) 21 (14 ran) (Newmarket 7f mdn (4) £6,469 good to firm).
WATAN (9-8) 8-11 fav ran on, bt Dazzling Dan (9-1) 3/4 (7 ran) (Leicester 6f nov (4) £6,469 good to soft).
ZAKOUSKI (9-2) 5-2 ridden to lead final furlong, ran on strongly, eased finish, bt Headman (9-9) 21 (13 ran) (Kempton 7f nov (5) £3,881 AW).
ROYAL MARINE (9-1) 8-11 fav slow

4.10 ROSSDALES MAIDEN FILLIES'

CHELTENHAM ON ITV4: 2.40

GOING: GOOD

2.05 CITIPOST NOVICES' HURDLE (Class 2); value to the winner £12,380; 2m 4f. (8 runners)

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| 101 | -334111 | DASHEL DRASHER 26 J Scott 6-11-8 | | Matt Griffiths 94 |
| 102 | -225120 | ASK DILLON 35 F O'Brien 6-11-4 | | Paddy Brennan 98 |
| 103 | 2-11181 | COTSWOLD WAY 13 (D) P Hobbs 6-11-4 | ..... | Richard Johnson 99 |
| 104 | 1-1411 | DR SANDERSON 16 (D) P Nicholls 5-11-4 | ..... | Harry Cobden 93 |
| 105 | 4-31134 | MILL GREEN 39 N Henderson 7-11-4 | ..... | Nico De Boinville 96 |
| 106 | -114220 | THISTLE DO NICELY 33 J Snowden 5-11-4 | ..... | Gavin Sheehan 95 |
| 107 | 1 | BUZZ DE TURCOING 136 (T*) S Drinkwater 5-11-0 | ..... | Sam Twiston-Davies 108 |
| 108 | 692 | COTSWOLD PRINCE 46 M Keighley 4-10-8 | ..... | Harry Stock 80 |

BETTING: 11-4 Cotswold Way, 4 Dashed Drasher, 9-2 Dr Sanderson, 5 Ask Dillon, 6 Thistle Do Nicely, 13-2 Mill Green, 20 Cotswold Prince

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 1 1 1

2018: Diese Doss Bieffes 5-11-4 N Fehily 5-2 Fav (N Henderson), 14 ran.

Sun Racing FORM

DASHEL DRASHER (11-11) 5-2 fav jumped well, made all, ran on gamely, unchallenged, bt Remastered (11-7) 4l (10 ran) (Newbury 2'/sm nov hdlc (3) £6,238 good to soft).

ASK DILLON (11-7) 50-1 outpaced 3 out, no threat, 10th of 16 (btn 29l) to City Island (11-7) (Cheltenham 2m 5f nov hdlc Grd 1 (1) £70,338 soft).

COTSWOLD WAY (11-8) 5-1 held up, left in 4th and slightly hampered 4 out, 3rd travelling well after next, led 2 out, soon clear, easily, bt Capitaine (11-7) 15l (6 ran) (Taunton 2m 3f hcpc hdlc (3) £8,058 good).

DR SANDERSON (11-5) 4-4 travelled well, led 7th, soon headed, led again 4 out, pushed out flat, comfortably, bt Rapper (11-6) 2l (7 ran) (Ludlow 2m 5f nov hdlc (4) £4,874 good).

MILL GREEN (11-3) 14-1 every chance, plugged on, 4th of 18 (btn 3'/4) to Third Wind (11-5) (Sandown 2'/sm nov hcpc hdlc (1) £42,202 soft).

THISTLE DO NICELY (10-5) 28-1 mid-division, ridden 2 out, never involved, 13th of 24 (btn 13l) to Ch'tibello (11-5) (Cheltenham 2m 1f hcpc hdlc (1) £42,202 soft).

BUZZ DE TURCOING (11-11) 4-1 beaten when left in lead at the last, lucky winner, bt Hill Of Hope (11-11) 6l (9 ran) (3m point-to-point soft).

COTSWOLD PRINCE (10-2) 66-1 led 2 out, headed when hit last, rallied closing stages, btn 1'/4 by Manning Estate (11-2) (5 ran) (Doncaster 2m 3f nov hdlc (4) £4,094 good).

2.40 HAMBO FOUNDATION SILVER TROPHY CHASE (GRD 2) (HANDICAP) (1); winner £33,762; 2m 5f. (9 runners)

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|-----|---------|--|-------|------------------------|
| 201 | 52-1112 | IMPERIAL PRESENCE 219 (BF) P Hobbs 8-11-10 | | Richard Johnson 85 |
| 202 | 11-144P | MISTER WHITAKER 36 (P*)BF,CD M Channon 7-11-9 | | Jonathan Burke 91 |
| 203 | P-22117 | WENYERREADYFREDDIE 109 (BF) N Henderson 8-11-8 | ..... | Nico De Boinville 94 |
| 204 | 125-240 | TREE OF LIBERTY 33 Kerry Lee 7-11-5 | ..... | Richard Patrick (3) 99 |
| 205 | 1214320 | HIGHWAY ONE O ONE 36 C Gordon 7-11-5 | ..... | T Cannon 95 |
| 206 | 112-472 | RENE'S GIRL 109 (T,D) D Skelton 9-11-4 | ..... | Harry Skelton 98 |
| 207 | F-5123 | GOT AWAY 25 (P,T) O Sherwood 6-10-11 | ..... | Leighton Aspell 97 |
| 208 | 1/7144 | TIQUER 130 A Jones 11-10-4 | ..... | Tom O'Brien 93 |
| 209 | 44-5011 | KINGS MONARCH 39 (D) Kerry Lee 6-10-4 | ..... | Jamie Moore 92 |

BETTING: 4 Rene's Girl, 9-2 Mister Whitaker, 5 Kings Monarch, 6 Highway One O One, Wenyeryreadyfreddie, 13-2 Imperial Presence, 12 Tree Of Liberty

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 PU 3 5 1

2018: Traffic Fluide 8-10-4 Joshua Moore 13-2 Fav (G L Moore), 16 ran.

Sun Racing FORM

IMPERIAL PRESENCE (11-3) 9-4 fav led, clear 5th until 9th, headed 2 out, one pace, btn 3'/4 by Hammersley Lake (11-12) (7 ran) (Perth 2'/sm hcpc ch (2) £15,825 good).

MISTER WHITAKER pulled up latest, earlier (11-12) 11-2 effort 11th, no threat, 4th of 10 (btn 26l) to Cynamme (11-10) (Ascot 2m 5f hcpc ch (2) £46,320 good to soft).

WENYERREADYFREDDIE (11-8) 15-8 fav led, pecked 7th, headed 4 out, lost 2nd 2 out, weakened, 7th of 9 (btn 40l) to De Rasher Courier (10-7) (Newbury 2'/sm nov hcpc ch (3) £7,343 good to soft).

TREE OF LIBERTY (11-3) 33-1 ridden 2 out, 12th of 19 (btn 22l) to Croco Bay (10-12) (Cheltenham 2m hcpc ch Grd 3 (1) £61,897 good to soft).

HIGHWAY ONE O ONE (11-7) 14-1 led 2nd, headed 3 out, weakening when mistake 2 out, 10th of 20 (btn 43l) to

A Plus Tard (11-5) (Cheltenham 2'/sm (1) £39,389 soft).

RENE'S GIRL (11-2) 9-2 led, ridden and headed 3 out, no impression on winner, kept on, btn 3'/4 by Lady Buddies (11-0) (5 ran) (Doncaster 2'/sm ch (1) £42,202 good).

GOT AWAY (11-6) 10-1 tracked leaders, effort 3 out, ridden last 2, one pace 3rd of 5 (btn 8l) to Gala Ball (11-12) (Newbury 2'/sm hcpc ch (2) £12,660 good to soft).

TIQUER (10-9) 40-1 rear, pushed along 5th, blundered 4 out, stayed on, 4th of 11 (btn 9'/4) to Warriors Tale (11-12) (Aintree 2m 5f hcpc ch (2) £49,520 soft).

KINGS MONARCH (11-2) 6-5 fav not fluent a few times, held up in rear, headway 4 out, went 2nd after next, led last, ran on, bt Saintemillion (10-13) 5l (7 ran) (Hereford 2m 5f nov hcpc ch (4) £4,614 good to soft).

3.15 KINGSTON STUD HANDICAP HURDLE (2); value to the winner £15,475; 2m 4f. (15 runners)

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| 301 | 353P214 | UNISON 60 J Scott 9-11-12 | | Matt Griffiths 95 |
| 302 | P0-1432 | JENKINS 32 (B) N Henderson 7-11-11 | | David Bass 91 |
| 303 | 9-22261 | I'M A GAME CHANGER 109 P Hobbs 7-11-9 | ..... | Richard Johnson 95 |
| 304 | 741P-81 | LE PATRIOTE 165 (P) R Newland 7-11-8 | ..... | Sam Twiston-Davies 91 |
| 305 | -341100 | FIDUX 57 A King 6-11-8 | ..... | Wayne Hutchinson 91 |
| 306 | U12-B59 | RATHER BE 53 (T*)D N Henderson 8-11-6 | ..... | Jeremiah McGrath 89 |
| 307 | F61/1-3 | ESPOIR DE TEILLEE 24 T R George 7-11-3 | ..... | Jonathan Burke 95 |
| 308 | 211P009 | GOLDEN BIRTHDAY 137 (T) H Fry 8-11-0 | ..... | Sean Bowen 85 |
| 309 | 2218-23 | GOWITHTHEFLOW 85 B Pauling 6-10-12 | ..... | Nico De Boinville 92 |
| 310 | 00-42U9 | NO HASSLE HOFF 74 D Skelton 7-10-12 | ..... | Daryl Jacob 85 |
| 311 | 5213111 | MAC TOTTIE 194 (H,T,D) P Bowen 6-10-12 | ..... | James Bowen 89 |
| 312 | -64252U | HONEST VIC 132 (B*) H Daly 6-10-6 | ..... | Richard Patrick (3) 99 |
| 313 | -214350 | LUNGARNO PALACE 74 F O'Brien 8-10-6 | ..... | Alain Caywley 95 |
| 314 | 5755130 | DUARIGLE 32 (D) P Henderson 7-10-5 | ..... | Paddy Brennan 97 |
| 315 | 1314 | BACK ON THE LASH 21 M Keighley 5-10-2 | ..... | Aidan Coleman 98 |

BETTING: 11-2 Espoir De Teillee, 13-2 I'm A Game Changer, 7 No Hassle Hoff, 8 Honest Vic, 10 Rather Be, Gowiththeflow, Le Patriote, 12 Unison, Jenkins

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 2 7 5 7

2018: Champagne Express 8-9-13 J Bowen 16-1 (N Henderson), 22 ran.

3.50 ARKELLS BREWERY NICHOLSON HOLMAN NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (3); £10,832; 3m 1f. (13 runners)

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| 401 | -212441 | TANARPINO 18 (V) J Candlish 8-11-8 | | Sean Quinlan 95 |
| 402 | 2-82381 | BOB MAHLER 26 (P) W Greatrex 7-11-7 | | Richard Johnson 99 |
| 403 | 1FP2231 | LITTLE BRUCE 45 (P) P Kirby 7-11-7 | ..... | Thomas Dowson (3) 98 |
| 404 | PP-3004 | CLONDAW GIMC 36 (P) S Leech 9-11-5 | ..... | Connor Brake (7) 85 |
| 405 | 442F522 | LITHIC 43 (V) Jonjo O'Neill 8-11-5 | ..... | Jonjo O'Neill Jr (3) 96 |
| 406 | 712-22P | DARIUS DES BOIS 61 (BF) N Henderson 6-11-3 | ..... | Sean Bowen 97 |
| 407 | -811716 | SOLSTICE STAR 32 (P,T,D) M Keighley 9-11-2 | ..... | Sam Twiston-Davies 94 |
| 408 | 6-13211 | MINELLA FOR ME 32 (T) T R George 9-11-2 | ..... | Jonathan Burke 95 |
| 409 | 54-0351 | THE DELLERCKEOUT 48 (B,T) P Nicholls 6-11-0 | ..... | Harry Cobden 94 |
| 410 | 61-715P | DUKE DEBARRY 45 (D) N Henderson 8-10-13 | ..... | Nico De Boinville 96 |
| 411 | -6011F2 | LORD GETAWAY 34 (P*)BF, H Evans 7-10-8 | ..... | Leighton Aspell 98 |
| 412 | -526312 | TIKK TOCK BOOM 7 (P,BF) I Williams 7-10-3 | ..... | Tom O'Brien 86 |

RACING RESULTS ROUND-UP

■**MARTYN MEADE** believes 2,000 Guineas contender **Advertise** will be sharper mentally after his gallop before racing at Newmarket.

The colt had a gallop over seven furlongs on the Rowley Mile and Meade said: "He had a day out as they get bored at home. Mentally this will bring him on no end. He worked nicely. I'm pleased."

Another Classic hopeful **Phoenix Of Spain** also worked before racing but **Charlie Hills** admits he is worried about his fitness.

He said: "He had a setback and missed a month. He is in a good place now but I am not sure he is fit enough yet." ■**TEMPLEGATE** bashed the bookies when his nap bet **Qabala** won at 10-3. **Shine So Bright** then landed a 25-1 double when he won at 5-2.

NEWMARKET

Going: Good to firm (good in places)
1.15: 1 **MAQSD** J Crowley (6-4 fav); 2 **Twist 'n' Shake** (2-1); 3 **Artistic Streak** (14-1), 10 ran. shd; 9l, W Haggas. Tr: £2.40; £1.20, £1.20, £2.60. Ex: £6. Trifecta: £37.10, CF: £4.34.
1.50: 1 **FLAVIUS TITUS** A Azeni (8-

1); 2 **Summerghand** (8-1); 3 **Green Power** (7-1 fav), 15 ran. nk; nk. R Varian. Tr: £8.60; £2.50, £3.30, £2.50. Ex: £89.90. Tricast: £489.63. Trifecta: £677.80. CF: £67.28.

2.25: 1 **SHINE SO BRIGHT** S De Sousa (5-2); 2 **Space Traveller** (10-1); 3 **Azano** (2-1 fav), 7 ran. 1'/4; 3'/4, A Balding. Tr: £3.30; £1.60, £4.40. Ex: £22.70. Trifecta: £83.40. CF: £25.74.

3.00: 1 **KICK ON** O Murphy (2-1); 2 **Walkinthesand** (14-1); 3 **Boerhan** (13-2), 6 ran (Western Australia 6-4 fav), nk; 4'/4, J Gosden. Tr: £2.90; £2.30, £3.90. Ex: £25. Trifecta: £97. CF: £27.29. NR: Spanish Mission.

3.35: 1 **QABALA** D Egan (10-3 fav); 2 **Mot Juste** (7-1); 3 **Angel's Hideaway** (9-2), 11 ran. 1'/4; 7'/4, R Varian. Tr: £4.30; £1.80, £2.20, £2.40. Ex: £26.50. Trifecta: £141.40. CF: £25.78.

4.10: 1 **CHASING DREAMS** W Buick (4-9 fav); 2 **Good Vibes** (12-1); 3 **Kemble** (7-2), 5 ran. 5l; 2'/4, C Appleby. Tr: £1.30; £1.10, £3.90. Ex: £6.30. Trifecta: £11.50. CF: £7.10. NR: Aroha.

4.45: 1 **LAVERDER'S BLUE** R Havlin (3-1); 2 **Maamora** (2-1 fav); 3 **Aland-alos** (11-4), 9 ran. 2'/4; 4'/4, A Perrett. Tr: £4.10; £1.30, £1.10, £2. Ex: £10.20. Trif: £28.10. CF: £9.26. NR: Fast Strike.

5.20: 1 **SOLID STONE** Ryan Moore (9-4 fav); 2 **War Tiger** (3-1); 3 **Never Do Nothing** (7-2), 5 ran. 1'/4; 2'/4, Sir M Stoute. Tr: £2.50; £1.60, £1.80. Ex: £9. Trifecta: £25.50. CF: £9.38.

JACKPOT: £3,688.50
P/POT: £53.10. Q/POT: £13.40

TEMPLEGATE

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| 2.05 | | Cotswold Way | 2.05 | | Cotswold Prince |
| 2.40 | | Kings Monarch | 2.40 | | Kings Monarch |
| 3.15 | ..... | Lungarno Palace | 3.15 | ..... | Espoir De Teillee |
| 3.50 | ..... | Bob Mahler | 3.50 | ..... | Tanarpino |
| 4.25 | ..... | Thomas Campbell | 4.25 | ..... | Reve |
| 5.00 | ..... | Dingo Dollar | 5.00 | ..... | Dingo Dollar |
| 5.30 | ..... | Laughing Luis | 5.30 | ..... | Uno Mas |

■**TIC-TAC:** New course is left-handed, 1m4f round, 10 fences to a circuit and a stiff climb to the winning post. ■**LEADING TRAINERS** (2014-2019): N Henderson 44-375, P Nicholls 41-361, P Hobbs 29-234, N Twiston-Davies 27-270. THIS SEASON: P Nicholls 7, N Henderson 7, F O'Brien 5. ■**TOP JOCKEYS** (2014-2019): R Johnson 36-278, S Twiston-Davies 24-271, N De Boinville 23-119, P Brennan 20-170. THIS SEASON: R Johnson 8, P Brennan 5, H Cobden 5. ■**LONGEST TRAVELLER:** Little Bruce (3.50) & Skipthescales (4.25) trained at Richmond. Round trip of 432 miles. ■**TRAINERFAX:** Jonjo O'Neill won 5.00 in 2017 & 2018. P Hobbs won 3.15 in 2009, 2011 & 2012. N Henderson won 2.05 in 2013, 2015, 2017 & 2018. P Nicholls won 4.25 in 2010, 2012 & 2016. ■**FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** Tiquer (2.0), Gowiththeflow (3.15), No Hassle Hoff (3.15), Thomas Campbell (4.25). ■**JACKPOT:** 1-6. ■**LIVE ON RACING TV**

413 5452141 **FIFTY SHADES 7 (P*)** C Williams 6-10-3(7ex)..... **James Bowen 88**
BETTING: 11-2 The Dellerckecout, 6 Minella For Me, 13-2 Bob Mahler, 8 Lithic
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 FE FE 4
2018: Winter Lion 8-10-12 P Brennan 8-1 (F O'Brien), 11 ran.

4.25 SAFRAN LANDING SYSTEMS HANDICAP HURDLE (2); value to the winner £12,380; 3m. (16 runners)

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| 501 | -430031 | WHO'S MY JOCKEY 46 (P,D) P Hobbs 6-11-12 | | R Johnson 92 |
| 502 | P-41248 | THOMAS CAMPBELL 54 (P,BF,CD) N Henderson 7-11-12 | | Connor Brace (7) 99 |
| 503 | 3-11339 | FIRST ASSIGNMENT 34 (CD) I Williams 6-11-10 | ..... | Edward Austin (7) 94 |
| 504 | -849P22 | TOBEFAIR 34 (D) D Hamer 9-11-10 | ..... | Thomas Bellamy 93 |
| 505 | 1P-6110 | AARON LAD 34 (CD) Dr R Newland 8-11-9 | ..... | Charlie Hammond (3) 93 |
| 506 | 1/2-FU7 | CHAMERON 106 (B*) P Nicholls 6-11-8 | ..... | Harry Cobden 85 |
| 507 | 2021460 | ROCKPOINT 33 (CD) C Tizzard 6-11-4 | ..... | Tom Scudamore 94 |
| 508 | PP1F-P2 | SIR IVAN 24 (T) H Fry 9-11-4 | ..... | Sean Bowen 95 |
| 509 | 21-9331 | OCEAN COVE 38 (P,D) F O'Brien 7-11-1 | ..... | Paddy Brennan 94 |
| 510 | -464423 | DANS LE VENT 27 (B) J Snowden 6-11-0 | ..... | Gavin Sheehan 94 |
| 511 | 50-P511 | THE WELSH PADDIES 18 (P) Kerry Lee 7-10-13 | ..... | Richard Patrick (3) 94 |
| 512 | 1/03683 | GOODYBE DANCER 38 N Twiston-Davies 8-10-12 | ..... | Sam Twiston-Davies 97 |
| 513 | 1/27121 | COPPER GONE WEST 25 Vaughan 6-10-7 | ..... | Alan Johns 94 |
| 514 | 3-01162 | SKIPTHESCALES 29 (P,D) P Kirby 7-10-5 | ..... | Thomas Dowson (3) 94 |
| 515 | 72F821 | REVE 54 (H,T) M Keighley 5-10-5 | ..... | Leighton Aspell 91 |
| 516 | 5-57221 | BROUGHTONS ADMIRAL F32 (B) A Ralph 5-10-2 | ..... | Lee Edwards 98 |

BETTING: 7 Tobefair, 8 Who's My Jockey, First Assignment, 10 Sir Ivan, Copper Gone West, Ocean Cove, The Welsh Paddies, 12 Thomas Campbell

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1-7 5 2

2018: Monbeg Theatre 9-9-13 P Fuller 20-1 (J Snowden), 23 ran.

5.00 WEATHERITE HANDICAP CHASE (2); value to the winner £15,475; 3m 2f. (9 runners)

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| 601 | 1112135 | ROCKY'S TREASURE 46 (BF) K Bailey 8-11-12 | | David Bass 98 |
| 602 | 12-4362 | DINGO DOLLAR 46 (P) A King 7-11-12 | | Wayne Hutchinson 95 |
| 603 | 914P715 | COBRA DE MAI 25 (P,T) D Skelton 7-11-7 | ..... | Harry Skelton 93 |
| 604 | P333192 | ALLELU ALLELUIA 27 (B) Jonjo O'Neill 8-11-3 | ..... | Jonjo O'Neill Jr (3) 95 |
| 605 | 6-F5715 | DAWSON CITY 32 P Gundry 10-11-3 | ..... | Thomas Bellamy 97 |
| 606 | F-0P63P | PERFECT CANDIDATE 34 (P,CD) F O'Brien 12-11-2 | ..... | Paddy Brennan 95 |
| 607 | 069PU20 | HENRYVILLE 12 (C) P Bowen 11-10-13 | ..... | Sean Bowen 99 |
| 608 | 61P-2PF | SOMEWHERE TO BE 110 (P) M Keighley 7-10-9 | ..... | Leighton Aspell 88 |
| 609 | F472496 | MARQUIS OF CARABAS 204 David Dennis 9-10-7 | ..... | Sam Twiston-Davies 85 |

BETTING: 2 Dingo Dollar, 5 Rocky's Treasure, 6 Allelu Alleluia, 7 Somewhere To Be, 8 Dawson City, 10 Henryville, Cobra De Mai, 12 Perfect Candidate

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 9 1 5 1 2

2018: Another Hero 9-10-7 B J Geraghty 8-1 (Jonjo O'Neill), 13 ran.

Sun Racing FORM

DINGO DOLLAR (11-11) 3-1 led, not fluent 6 out, headed 3 out, out-paced, left in 2nd at the last, btn 9l by Chidswell (10-4) **ROCKY'S TREASURE** (11-12) 2-1 fav prominent, slow 11th, hit 13th, under pressure next, weakened before 3 out, 5th (btn 31l) (7 ran) (Doncaster 3'/m hcpc ch (2) £34,408 good).

COBRA DE MAI (11-11) 7-1 behind, reminders 11th, left well behind from 4 out, last of 5 (well btn) to Gala Ball (11-12) (Newbury 2'/sm hcpc ch (2) £12,660 good to soft).

ALLELU ALLELUIA (12-3) 16-1 held up, pushed along 9th, headway 12th, went 2nd last, no impression, btn 2'/4 by Midnight Chill (11-0) (6 ran) (Ludlow 2'/sm nov Limited hcpc ch (3) £9,162 good to soft).

DAWSON CITY (10-11) 12-1 handy, ridden 20th, no impression, plugged on, 5th of 19 (btn 20l) to Potters Corner (10-7) (Utteter 4'/m Listed

hcpc ch (1) £84,400 heavy).

PERFECT CANDIDATE pulled up latest, earlier (11-12) 16-1 pushed along to join winner 14th, ridden, ran on, 3rd of 9 (btn 13l) to Beware The Bear (12-1) (Cheltenham 3'/m hcpc ch (2) £15,475 good to soft).

HENRYVILLE (10-0) 33-1 held up, never near leaders, 17th of 27 (well btn) to Cadmium (11-2) (Aintree 2m 5f hcpc ch Grd 3 (1) £78,582 soft).

SOMEWHERE TO BE fell latest, earlier (11-11) 6-1 led 4 out, pushed three lengths clear 3 out, reduced lead and ridden hard 2 out, headed after the last, btn 1'/4 by Soupy Soups (11-5) (7 ran) (Utteter 2'/sm hcpc ch (4) £4,614 good).

MARQUIS OF CARABAS (11-3) 10-1 held up, some headway 5 out, never threatened leaders, ridden and weakened 2 out, 6th of 10 (btn 20l) to Laurium (11-11) (Warwick 3m 1f hcpc ch (3) £9,747 good).

5.30 CHELTENHAM PONY RACING GRADUATES' HANDICAP HURDLE (COND/AMAT) (3); £9,285; 2m 1f. (14 runners)

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|--|---------|--|-------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 7111600 | MISTER FIZZ 12 (P) I Pickard 11-11-12 | | Lorcan Williams (5) 97 |
| 2 | 1721151 | INNOCENT TOUCH 182 (D) H Daly 8-11-10 | | Miss Alice Stevens (7) 97 |
| 3 | 6-13144 | BLACK KEY 28 D McCain 7-11-6 | ..... | Mr Theo Gillard (7) 95 |
| 4 | 4158-1 | TURNING GOLD 29 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4 | ..... | Jordan Naylor (7) 95 |
| 5 | 1511940 | TORMORISING 33 (B,C,D) Dr R Newland 6-11-4 | ..... | Charlie Hammond (3) 98 |
| 6 | -265722 | MAGIC DANCER 60 (P,T,CD) Kerry Lee 7-11-2 | ..... | Richard Patrick (3) 98 |
| 7 | 8-7-80P | PYROMANIC 38 (B+,T,CD) A Ralph 9-11-1 | ..... | Fergus Gregory (5) 85 |
| 8 | 3435209 | CAPTAL FORCE 92 M Keighley 8-10-13 | ..... | Harry Stock (5) 98 |
| 9 | -521553 | CORNBOURGH 19 (D) M Walford 8-10-11 | ..... | Miss Abbie McCain (5) 97 |
| 10 | 0471151 | LAUGHING LUIS 46 N Henderson 5-10-9 | ..... | Jonjo O'Neill Jr (3) 98 |
| 1 | 153224F | RED HOT CHILLY 152 (C) F'Brien 6-10-8 | ..... | Connor Brace (7) 96 |
| 2 | 4342221 | LE LIGERIAN 19 (H) P Hobbs 6-10-7 | ..... | Mr Ben Jones (7) 97 |
| 3 | -893748 | MINELLAFORLEISURE 95 (CD) A Hales 11-10-3 | ..... | Mr Jamie Brace (7) 99 |
| 4 | 4121121 | UNO MAS 44 (P) C Williams 5-10-1 | ..... | Mr Jack Tudor (7) 98 |
| BETTING: 9-2 Magic Dancer, 5 Laughing Luis, 6 Turning Gold, 7 Le Ligerien | | | | |
| WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 8 3 5 5 | | | | |
| 2018: Magic Dancer 6-10-6 R Patrick 11-2 (K Lee), 15 ran. | | | | |

OLYMPICS 2020

Morning

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TOKYO HEAT COULD KILL

MO FARAH must run for marathon gold at sunrise at the Tokyo 2020 🇯🇵 Olympics.

Organisers fear that athletes could die from extreme heat and have confirmed the men's and women's marathons will be staged from 6am local time (10pm BST).

After a record 41.1-degree heat-wave last year, Japanese medics warned running mid-morning to the afternoon in August could "lead to deaths" from heatstroke.

Tokyo 2020 CEO Toshiro Muto fears the Games, which take place between July 24 to August 9, could be subjected to extreme weather like typhoons.

The 50km walk will begin at 5.30am while equestrian, triathlon and rugby sevens will start early to avoid energy-sapping competition.

Tokyo, which is eight hours ahead of the UK, hosted the 1964 Olympics in October to avoid the hot summer.

Farah, the four-time Olympic gold medallist, switched to road running in 2017 after a hugely successful track career and is expected to win a medal on the final day of the Games.

Though he is considering a possible assault on the 10,000m at the IAAF World Championships in Doha this autumn, the 36-year-old's main priority is achieving glory over 26.2 miles.

He is appearing in the London Marathon a week on Sunday hoping to prove his credentials.

Tokyo 2020 organisers yesterday released the competition schedule for next year, which features a record 33 sports and 339 events.

August 1 and 2 are being billed as 'Super Saturday' and 'Golden Sunday' with 21 and 26 medal events held on those days.

Team GB finished second in the medals standings at Rio 2016 with 27 golds – the country's best haul for an away Games.

Djok blows up

RAGING Novak Djokovic was booed after he smashed a racket and threw another into the crowd during a huge on-court meltdown.

The world No1 eventually beat German Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-3 4-6 6-4 in the second round of the Monte Carlo Masters.

And Djok, 31, admitted: "I lost my serve four games in a row in the second set. That hasn't happened too many times in my life."

Brit CAMERON NORRIE faces Marton Fucsovics in the second round after thrashing Adrian Mannarino 6-4 6-3.

RACKET IN ... Djokovic loses his cool

GREYHOUND SELECTIONS AND RETURNS

SELECTIONS

MSWINDON: 1.03 George (4-1) 1.04 Max (4-1) 1.19 Mazie Moo (1-6-4) 1.134 Crinkill Patch (natch) (6-1-3) 1.148 Saeleen Mollie (3-6-1) 12.04 Dear Devil (6-4-3) 12.18 Unknown Grace (nb) (2-3-5) 12.33 Nancy Mulligan (1-3-6) 12.48 Southrop Tom (6-4-5) 1.04 Southfield Bess (3-5-2) 1.19 1.03 Rosa Belle (3-4-1) 1.51 Mr Windy (2-4-1)

NEWCASTLE: 1.11 Bit View Lisa (2-5-3) 1.126 Judy Rocky (nb) (1-5-6) 1.141 Mustang Flinn (4-1-6) 1.156 Harry Quinn (1-6-5) 12.11 Wassyl (3-4-5) 12.26 Blue Lad (1-6-4) 1.03 Bessie (3-4-2) 1.04 Head Pump (6-3-1) 1.11 Cannet Let (4-5-1) 1.27 Swift Knick (nb) (6-2-4) 1.44 Blackjack Boss (2-3-1) 1.59 Sthyma Hazel (5-1-2)

HOVE: 2.12 Alde Scolari (nb) (3-2-5) 2.32 Sizzlers Spring (2-1-6) 2.52 Bunny Money (6-5-1) 3.11 El Taz (5-3-4) 3.29 Annies (1-6-4) 3.36 The Storm (5-1-6) 4.09 Season Storm (5-1-6) 4.29 Unimatrix Zero (3-1-5) 4.48 Faroe Gage (1-3-5) 5.08 Another Success (nb) (6-2-4) 5.28 Miss Turner (1-2-5) 5.44 Mercury Athena (6-5-2) 6.05 October Rani (5-4-3) 6.19 Hello Trish (4-6-8)

WINDING: 1.03 Red Jodels Jack (1-5-4) 1.27 Vegas Boy (1-2-3) 1.247 Classy Rina (1-3-4) 3.07 Garden Stream (1-2-3) 3.27

Bitter Sweet (6-5-1) 3.47 Ascot Magic
(map) (2-4-3) 4.01 Royal Star (map) (4-3-2)
1-2 Hazy Melody (1-2-6) 4.46
Livinonapray (2-1-5) 5.06 Preacher
Man (2-6-1) 5.22 Tyrur Ariana (2-5-3) 5.39
Crokers Gabbi (3-4-1) 5.56 Monalee Magic
(map) (5-1-4) 5.58 Hazy Melody (map)
*SHEDDEN (1-2-4) Kilbury Luccy
(map) (4-6-4) 6.39 Witton Luck (3-2-6) 6.55
Fiddle Faddle (5-6-3) 7.09 Fairhorne
Beauty (6-1-3) 7.28 Ballymartin Nisa (3-1-2)
7.42 Sarah Casanova (1-2-3) 7.57
*SHEDDEN (1-2-4) 8.00 Hazy Melody (map)
(4-5-1) 8.29 Nutty Pappy (map) (6-2-1) 8.44
Kielduff Manor (5-1-2) 8.59 On Record (5-
1-2) 9.14 Drumsna Lull (5-3-4)
*PETERBOROUGH: 6.29 Paradise Vial
(map) (2-4-3) 6.48 Hazy Melody (map) (1-2-4) 7.05
*Lazewood Hill (6-2-5) 7.19 Footwork (5-2-6)
7.36 Not A Drop (3-4-5) 7.52 Suber Spy
(nb) (3-4-6) 8.08 Marley And Me (2-3-3)
8.23 Kirk Magical (3-2-4) 8.37 Slippery Bae
(1-3-2) 8.51 Emerald Tristram (5-5-5) 9.06
*Cromwell Farm (1-2-2) 9.25 Lounana
Clare (1-3-4) 9.38 Away Killy (3-1-5)

RESULTS

*KINSLEY: 11.11 Bantam Evie 3-1 (6-1-2)
BAGS F £16.10 C5m 1531, 11.26 Jura 3-1
(1-2-3) 11.38 Bantam Evie 3-1 (6-1-2)
Fairhill Rici 3-2 5-1-3 5-32 C2 £1,
£81.99h, 11.56 Miss Tish 3-2 3-1 (3-1-4)

RESULTS

■KINSLEY: 11.11 Bantam Evie 3-1 (6-1-2 BAGS F £16.10 TC £53.13). 11.26 Jury Is Out 5-2f (2-3-4 £14.17 TC £35.78). 11.41 Fairhill Rico 7-2 (5-1-3 £36.32 TC £81.99). 11.56 Miss Tish 5-2f (3-1-4

£11.29 £2 £35.04, 12.17 Karlow Rocket
 1-1 (2-3-6 £51.45, £15.75 £69.20, 12.25
 Mineola Addios 7-2 (2-1-3 £16.29 £2
 £50.26), 12.42 Sues Tribe 2-1 (1-6-2-3
 £14.56 £2 £46.58), 12.57 Denver 1-1 (3-6-
 5 £27.62 £2 £100.49), 12.1 Millwood
 Apollo 3-1 (2-4-5 £25.52 £2 £55.45), 1.27
 Librarian 1-1 (2-4-5 £25.52 £2 £44.34),
 1.30 Winfield Powerboat 1-1 (1-6-3 £35.21
 £2 £94.78), 1.59 Melwood Beauty 4-1 (2-5-
 6 £37.68 £2 £82.90).
■NOTTINGHAM: 11.03 Shellys Spirit 7-4
 (1-5-2 BAGS F £6.24 £2 £16.59), 11.19
 Tuftys Tornado 7-2 (5-6-3 £26.30 £2
 £17.94), 11.26 The 1000 1-1 (1-6-3 £17.94,
 £17.94 £2 £47.00), 11.46 Faydas Pearl
 9-2 (6-1-5 £18.21 £2 £37.38), 12.04
 Blythe Comet 7-4f (1-5-4 £6.36 £2
 £25.01), 12.18 Roxi Time 9-4 (4-3-5
 £7.09 £2 £18.12), 12.33 Sporty Mike 1-1
 4 (6-1-7 £7.73 £2 £31.12), 12.48 Daylens
 1-1 (1-6-3 £17.94 £2 £31.12), 12.51
 1.04 Oslo Mcrow 7-2 (4-1-3 £20.28 £2
 £48.40), 1.19 Glasgow Mcrow 2-1f (1-4-
 6 £9.97 £2 £30.19), 1.33 El Madrigal 1-1
 (6-1-2 £20.42 £2 £47.01), 1.51 Revlon
 Doves 7-2 (6-2-3 £25.48 £2 £85.20),
 1.51 Revlon Doves 7-2 (6-2-3 £25.48 £2 £85.20),
 3-2 BAGS F £19.81 £2 £54.63), 2.27
 Allingtons Flyer 6-1 (6-2-1 £67.28 £2

E350.63). 2.47 Slatta Gibbs 1-1 (5-2-1)
E350.63 E350.63 3.07 Minny 1-1 (5-2-1)
1-4 (3-6 E20.23 TC E63.35), 3.27 Zutum
Mindy 3-1 (1-2-3 21.31 TC E23.74), 3.47
Drumsna Canoe 5-2f (6-1-5 E10.55 TC
E25.55), 4.07 Quivers Master 9-14f (1-3-2
E16.95 TC E47.94), 4.27 Bridges Spirit 8-14f
(1-3-4 16.35 TC E47.94), 4.29 Quivers
Twinkle 2-1f (1-3-2 E11.03 TC E44.37), 5.06
Notabotherville 2-1f (1-3-4 17.51 TC
E63.99), 5.22 Touch The Clouds 2-1f (6-2-3
E13.46 TC E46.89), 5.39 Kilbary Favour 9-
14f (1-3-4 16.35 TC E47.94), 5.39 Fire
Storm 7-4f (1-3-5 E16.19 TC E82.86).
■HOVE: 2.12 Droopys Tay 4-3f (5-3-4
BAGS F E11.65 TC E27.42), 2.32 Jimmys
Dreams 3-1 (4-1-6 E11.78 TC E31.46), 2.52
Adrahay Mybe 5-2f (1-3-4 16.35 TC E6.91)
E350.63 E350.63 3.07 Minny 1-1 (5-2-1)
1-4 (3-6 E20.23 TC E63.35), 3.27 Zutum
Wannarn Ruby 7-2 (1-6-4 10.74 TC
E39.13), 3.29 Droopys Roky 7-2 (4-5-4
E15.98 TC E40.03), 3.49 Moho Ark 9-2 (1-3-
2 E24.11 TC E74.23), 4.09 Minny Moo 5-2
(1-3-4 16.35 TC E47.94), 4.29 Chispy
Lass 7-2 (4-6-2 E24.14 TC E65.17), 4.48
Get On Patch 5-1 (5-4-2 E29.61 TC
E20.31), 5.08 Droopys Zeeal 6-1 (2-1-3
E33.72 TC E94.94), 5.28 Bitternited 6-1
(1-3-4 16.35 TC E47.94), 5.44 Lissened
Toe Topper 4-1 (3-5-5 E19.35 TC E53.02), 5.44
Vote Jorma 4-1 (4-1-6 E50.40 TC E33.15).

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By ROB M

MO FARAH must
marathon gold at
the Tokyo 2020

Organisers fear
that athletes
could die
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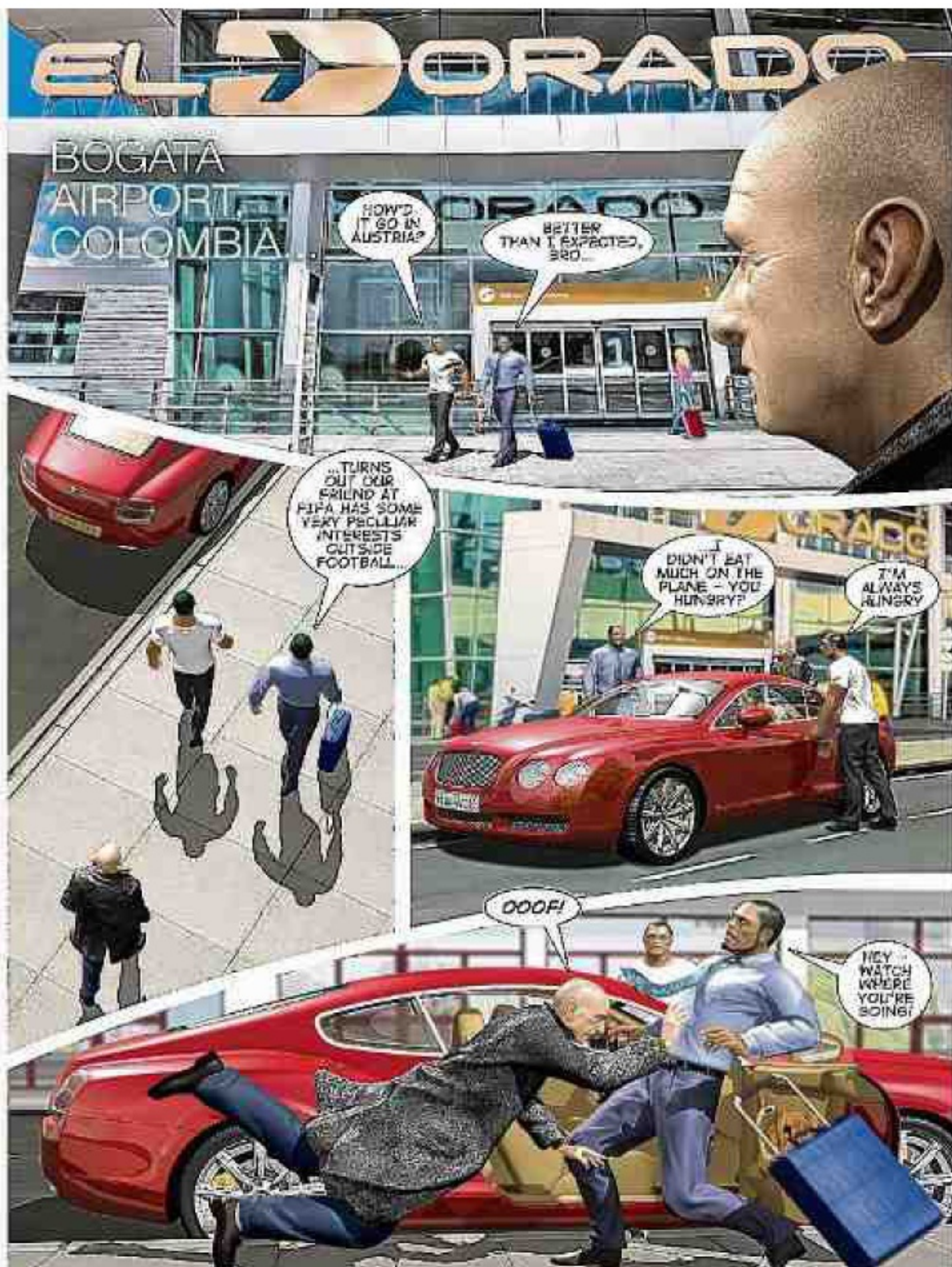
Marathons will
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BELGIAN Victor Campenaerts has beaten Sir Bradley Wiggins' one-hour UCI world record. The Lotto-Soudal rider, 27, bettered the Brit's 2015 distance set in London by 563m after covering 55.059km in Mexico.

SPORTS UPDATE

Beijing's F1 target

FORMULA One chiefs are in talks to stage ANOTHER Grand Prix in China.

F1's commercial boss Sean Bratches is set to meet delegates from six potential host cities this week to discuss a possible street race.

He said: "Our intent is to bring our show to the people and we would be highly interested in a street race."

"It would be a nice juxtaposition to the purpose-built facility we have in Shanghai."

Beijing is one of the cities under consideration.

F1 chiefs are also keen to establish a second race in America, following the success of the circuit in Austin, Texas.

Talks with Miami have stalled but Las Vegas is another city under consideration.

Meanwhile, plans for a race in the Danish capital Copenhagen are understood to have collapsed.

SEATTLE'S Russell Wilson is now the NFL's highest-paid player after agreeing a £107million, four-year contract extension. The quarterback, 30, announced the deal on Instagram. He said: "Hey Seattle, we got a deal. Go Hawks."

Shake on it, Mason

WAKEFIELD have re-signed winger Mason Caton-Brown on a deal until the end of the season.

The three-quarter is expected to go straight into the team for tomorrow's derby at Castleford. Caton-Brown, 25, had recently played rugby union sevens in Hong Kong.

He scored 21 tries in 24 games in his first spell with Trinity from 2017-18.

And he said: "I'm glad I've been given this opportunity to come back to Wakefield and carry on doing what I was doing from my time here before."

ALL CHANGE FOR STAR

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN... Amir with Team Khan in 2010 after Las Vegas win over Marcos Maidana



WHY I KO'D TEAM KHAM

Amir wisened up and took control himself

AMIR KHAN has taken hold of his own career and created another shot at greatness.

The 32-year-old Bolton ace struggled with being a teenage millionaire.

But he is now a ring veteran and settled with wife Faryal Makhdoom and his two daughters.

Khan is in San Francisco preparing to fight Terence Crawford on Saturday for the WBO world welterweight title.

He has had to rebuild his career from the bottom up after things spiralled out of control.

His silver at the 2004 Olympics made Khan an overnight celebrity and he employed dozens of hangers-on.

He revealed how financial mismanagement forced him to cut ties with a number of close friends and family members.

The former world light-welterweight champion now keeps a closer eye on his fortune.

For his shot at pound-for-pound great Crawford, Khan is lugging around his own equipment and ruing past mistakes.

He said: "Sometimes, when you have a big team, you start relying on people but when you go in the ring you are on your own."

"A big entourage can take pressure off and make you feel like you have everything but I do things myself now and dictate my own career. It helps you understand things."

"I used to leave everything to my family and advisors - how much money I made, my taxes, everything. But now I get

By **WALLY DOWNES JR**

involved in everything. Carrying my bag is a symbol. Being humble is hopefully what some people love me for.

"I have seen a change in my attitude. Maybe five or six years ago I was a cocky young kid who had everything very young."

"Now I look back and wonder why I did certain things, but you can only learn over time."

His Instagram fame came at a cost and a 2017 row between his largely family-based team seemed to leave him vulnerable.

After amassing a fortune close to £40million, the Pakistani-Brit axed his backroom squad and went it alone.

He said: "I had a lot when I was young, money, a big boxing deal and everything I wanted like cars, but at such a young age it can get to you."

"I was a millionaire before I turned pro at 19. I can't say it was a bad thing as it was nice at the time."

"It took pressure off because if something had gone wrong then there is a million quid in the bank."

Khan's so-called support network threw him to the lion of Canelo Alvarez in 2016 and the middleweight destroyed him.

Trainer Virgil Hunter said: "It broke my heart to see him lying there and it didn't have to happen."

"He tells me now he didn't want the fight but he didn't want people to think he was scared."

Amir Khan challenges undefeated Terence Crawford for the WBO world welterweight belt, live on BT Sport Box Office, on Saturday, April 20. For details go to www.bt.com/btsportboxoffice.



CRAWFORD... champ



VUNIPOLA... regret

Vunipola new rap for Folau support

By **ADAM HATHAWAY**

BILLY VUNIPOLA has received a second ticking off for backing shamed Australian Israel Folau.

The RFU issued England's No8 a formal warning over his conduct 24 hours after his club Saracens did the same.

Vunipola's dressing down came following his 'liking' of Wallaby full-back Folau's anti-gay tweet and subsequent religious remarks.

An RFU statement read: "The player expressed genuine regret at his comments and understood he caused hurt and offence."

"He has been reminded of his responsibilities as an England player and as an ambassador for the game, which values inclusivity and respect."

"The warning will be retained on his disciplinary record for five years and may be taken into account in future disciplinary proceedings."

Vunipola, 26, has also been told to prepare for another barrage of boos when Saracens take on Munster in Saturday's Champions Cup semi-final.

He was jeered during Sarries' Premiership clash with Bristol.

Club coach Mark McCall said: "He has got to deal with that. It's not something we can control."

"Billy is sensitive but he's also strong. He's also got a group who support their team-mates."

Gay referee Nigel Owens will not treat Vunipola differently, saying: "I respect that somebody has the right to have that opinion."

"I have a job to do on the field and I will referee what's in front of me."

Sport

MARK McCAFFERTY will step down at the end of the season as boss of Premiership Rugby. Darren Childs, 53, chief exec at multi-channel broadcaster UKTV, has been named as his successor.

SHORT

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
Quarter-Finals, 2nd Legs
BARCELONA (2) 3 **MAN UTD** (0) 0
Messi 16, 20 Att: 96,708
Coutinho 61
(Barcelona win 4-0 on aggregate)

JUVENTUS (1) 1 **AJAX** (1) 2
Ronaldo 28 Van de Beek 34
Att: 41,445 De Ligt 67
(Ajax win 3-2 on aggregate)

PREMIER LEAGUE
BRIGHTON (0) 0 **CARDIFF** (1) 2
Att: 30,226 Mendez-Laing 22
Morrison 50
(Premier League table - See Goals Page 5)

VANARAMA NATIONAL NORTH -
Atrincham 1 Brackley 2.

VANARAMA NATIONAL SOUTH

Truro 1 Concord Rangers 3.
LADBROKES CHAMPIONSHIP - Morton
2 Inverness CT 2.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Ross Co | 33 | 19 | 8 | 6 | 54 | 30 | 65 |
| Dundee Utd | 33 | 17 | 8 | 8 | 45 | 39 | 59 |
| Ayr | 32 | 14 | 8 | 10 | 46 | 32 | 50 |
| Inverness CT | 33 | 12 | 14 | 7 | 45 | 37 | 50 |
| Dunfermline | 33 | 11 | 8 | 14 | 32 | 36 | 41 |
| Alloa | 33 | 10 | 8 | 15 | 36 | 48 | 38 |
| Morton | 33 | 8 | 13 | 12 | 32 | 45 | 37 |
| Queen of Sth | 33 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 39 | 40 | 35 |
| Falkirk | 33 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 34 | 43 | 35 |
| Partick | 32 | 9 | 7 | 16 | 36 | 49 | 34 |

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SOUTH - Beaconsfield 1 Merthyr 1.

CRICKET

FOURTH ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL
(Harare) - UAE 175 in 47.1 overs v Zimbabwe

129-7 in 24.5 overs. Zimbabwe bt UAE by 3 wkts (D/L method).

TENNIS

ATP MONTE-CARLO ROLEX MASTERS (Monaco): 1st Rd - T Fritz (US) bt J-W Tsonga (Fra) 6-4 2-0 ret; C Norrie (Fra) bt Mannarino (Fra) 6-4 6-3; P-H Herbert (Fra) bt F Verdasco (Spa) 6-4 6-4; F Auger-Aliassime (Can) bt J Ignacio Londero (Arg) 7-5 7-6; G Simon (Fra) bt A Popyrin (Aus) 7-5 6-1. 2nd Rd - G Pella (Arg) bt M Cilic (Cro) 6-3 5-7 6-1; L Sonogo (Ita) bt K Khachanov (Rus) 7-6 6-4; N Djokovic (Ser) bt P Kohlschreiber (Ger) 6-3 4-6 6-4; M Cecchinato (Ita) bt S Wawrinka (Swi) 0-6 7-5 6-3.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH UNDER-21: Semi-final (Isle of Wight) - 1 R Kinsley; 2 J Palin; 3 A Rowe; 4 A Spooner.

TODAY'S SPORT

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
Quarter-final, 2nd Legs
Man City (0) v **Tottenham** (1). 8.0
Porto (0) v **Liverpool** (2). 8.0

CRICKET (11am): **Royal London One-Day Cup: North Group** - Durham v Northamptonshire (Riverside), Lancashire v Worcestershire (Old Trafford), Yorkshire v Leicestershire (Headingley). **South Group** - Glamorgan v Essex (Sophia Gardens), Gloucestershire v Surrey (Bristol), Kent v Hampshire (Canterbury, 1.0).

RUGBY UNION: Principality Building Society Premiership - Uandover v Merthyr (7.15).

BASKETBALL (7.30): **BBL Championship** - London Lions v Plymouth, Manchester v Sheffield.

SPEEDWAY: Championship Shield: Southern - Birmingham v Somerset (7.30).



YOUNGS... confident

Ben Edding back

By **CHRIS HUGHES**

BEN YOUNGS believes he will be fit to join England's World Cup camp despite shoulder surgery.

The 29-year-old was hurt in the climax to the Six Nations against Scotland.

It was revealed 11 days ago he would require three months rehab after having an op to repair the damage.

That was alarming news for head coach Eddie Jones, who considers Youngs as his first-choice scrum-half.

Yet England's most capped

No 9, with 85 appearances, is confident he will make the four warm-up Tests before the Japan 2019 finals start on September 20.

Youngs said: "I thought the injury would settle. I had it scanned and the specialist said 'You just can't play'."

"I saw him at 12.30 and was being operated on at two o'clock. I didn't really have a choice. But it should be 12 weeks and a pretty simple recovery time."

CRICKET EXCLUSIVE

Arch rivals

MORGAN MOVES TO CALM BOWLER FEARS OVER JOFRA JOINING SQUAD

EOIN MORGAN has moved to calm fears in his team by insisting Jofra Archer will not upset England's record-breakers if he plays in the World Cup.

Key all-rounder Chris Woakes yesterday said "it would not be fair morally" to pick Archer.

And he joined Mark Wood and David Willey in questioning the decision to bring in a fresh player at the 11th hour.

But captain Morgan is adamant fast bowler Archer's near-certain appearance will not harm the spirit of the tournament favourites.

Woakes (right) claimed: "If he was to come in and someone was to miss out, it would be extremely unfortunate."

"We've been a tight-knit group for two to three years, played strong cricket and won a lot of series."

"I wouldn't want to see any of my mates miss out."

"But it's the nature of international cricket that there is always someone knocking on the door."

"I don't think it would disrupt the team because everyone would find a way to move on and we're trying to win a World Cup for England."

When asked if it was fair Archer could replace someone in the squad, Woakes added:

By **JOHN ETHERIDGE**



"Fair probably isn't the right word. It probably wouldn't be fair, morally, but it's the nature of international sport."

But Morgan (below right), promoting the World Cup and Unicef's joint OneDay4Children campaign, rejected the suggestion that Archer's inclusion could undermine team dynamics.

He said: "Any player who has come in over the last three years has added value and not upset the apple cart."

"It's always been a competitive environment."

"Everyone has a huge amount of respect for each other but competition for places is high."

"Everyone is excited by Jofra's talent."

He will have a fine international career, it starts this summer or next summer.

"Everyone can see his talent — you just have to watch the guy play."

"I'm excited by our chances in the World Cup. We have a very strong record at home and fantastic support."

Sussex speedster Archer will not be in the provisional 15-man party unveiled at Lord's today, but will be one of two players added for five warm-up matches against Pakistan next month.

The initial squad is mainly for marketing purposes such

as photographs and pen pictures in tournament programmes.

If Archer impresses Morgan and the England management, he will be fast-tracked into the final squad, which must be announced by May 22. After that, countries can switch players only in the event of injury.

It means Archer is effectively on trial for the next month as England see whether he fits in and can deliver on the big stage.

As many as five players — Wood, Liam Plunkett, Willey, Tom Curran and Joe Denly — will be looking over their shoulders worried that Archer could nab their place.

England will also name a separate 14-man squad for the 50-over match in Ireland on May 3 and a one-off Twenty20 clash with Pakistan on May 5.

Archer is expected to play in those matches too. Archer and other players in the IPL must return home by April 25.

He will join the England squad for the first time at a three-day training camp in Cardiff on April 27.

Archer, 24, was born in Barbados but has an English father and a UK passport. He qualified for England last month.

Meanwhile, all-rounder Ben Stokes missed his second successive match for Rajasthan Royals in the IPL yesterday because of a hamstring twinge.

England insisted his absence is precautionary and he is expected to play in the Royals' next match on Saturday.

ENGLAND PROVISIONAL WORLD CUP SQUAD (likely): Bairstow, Roy, Root, Morgan, Hales, Stokes, Buttler, Moeen, Denly, Rashid, Woakes, Plunkett, Willey, Wood, Curran.

TWO PLAYERS ADDED FOR PAKISTAN SERIES: Archer, Billings.

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UP FOR CUP... the availability of Jofra Archer is causing unrest with England stars

Getting shirty to beat kids' obesity

EXCLUSIVE
By DAVID COVERDALE

PREMIER LEAGUE clubs are in talks about a ground-breaking deal to use kids' shirts to help campaign against childhood obesity.

Teams sponsored by betting firms are banned from carrying company's branding on junior replica tops or youth team kits.

And SunSport has learned of a proposal to sell that unused shirt space to promote a societal issue instead — with any money made going to charitable foundations.

Nine Premier League sides are sponsored by gambling companies — Bournemouth, Burnley, Crystal Palace, Everton, Fulham, Huddersfield, Newcastle, West Ham and Wolves.

A number of those, as well as clubs in the EFL — 17 Championship teams have betting logos on their shirts — could sign up for the innovative scheme.

Redstrike, the sports consultancy company behind the project, have approached firms who are actively tackling the rise of childhood obesity and promoting healthy eating.

Currently, most clubs with betting sponsors leave a blank space on kids' shirts where the gambling logo would usually be placed.

Of those nine top-flight teams, only two have utilised junior tops for advertising — Palace have a deal with energy suppliers Utilita and Wolves promote IT firm Silverbug.

Redstrike marketing director Harry Burch said: "We see this as a fantastic opportunity to put some really positive messaging on there."

"The first one we are looking at is childhood obesity and the challenges around healthy eating that many families face."

UNDER PRESSURE

BEST PASS OF THE DAY

EASY SAVE

PLAY ON

JUST WIDE

MAN ON

HAS TO TRACK BACK

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

GONE TO GROUND

GREAT BLOCK

What a ball

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PREMIER ARSENAL TARGET

GRAN PLAN

Khaka Guns for top four over Euro glory

GRANIT XHAKA claims a top-four finish for Arsenal must take priority over Europa League glory.

Monday's 1-0 win at Watford moved the Gunners back into the Champions League places.

And they travel to Napoli tomorrow for the second leg of their Euro quarter-final defending a 2-0 lead.

Winning the Europa League would guarantee them a place in next season's Champions League – though a top-four finish may not necessarily do the same.

Yet Gunners midfielder **Xhaka** (right) insisted: "Finishing top four is the priority because we want to be back in the Champions League."

"Of course it would be nice if we can also get to the Europa League final and win it – but the Premier League is still the first target."

However, Arsenal could finish fourth and still miss out on Europe's glamour competition.

That would happen if English teams win **BOTH** European competitions this season, yet finish outside the top four.

Uefa forbid any country from having more than five teams in the Champions League.

So if London rivals Tottenham and Chelsea finish outside the top four, though win the Champions League and Europa League respectively, the fourth-placed Prem team would be relegated to the Europa League.

The Gunners' next two games – against Napoli then Crystal Palace on Sunday – will be crucial in determining the outcome of their entire season.

Swiss star Xhaka, 26, added:

By MARK IRWIN

"Napoli have to come at us and if we can score one away goal, I think the tie is finished."

"We had a good result in the first leg but saw what Napoli did against Liverpool and Paris Saint-Germain at their ground this season."

"We know we have not had our best results away from home and need a different character in these games."

"First, we have to win the duels and you can only win the game if you do that."

"It wasn't our best display against Watford but the three points are crucial. Now we're fourth, two points ahead of Manchester United, one behind Tottenham, and with a game in hand on Chelsea."

Xhaka's return was crucial at Watford after he missed Arsenal's previous three games with a groin injury.

He was involved in a run-in with Troy Deeney just minutes before the Watford skipper was sent off for catching Lucas Torreira with a forearm.

Deeney faces a three-match ban, though will not face further punishment for appearing to call ref Craig Pawson's decision "f*****g embarrassing."

The Hornets ace famously questioned Arsenal's 'cojones' in the past. But Xhaka brushed off the row, saying: "I met Deeney in doping after the game and he's a good guy."

Meanwhile, around 800 Italian cops will protect Arsenal fans at Thursday's tie in Naples following a number of incidents involving Napoli hooligans.



PREM TOP SIX

| | P | Pts | GD |
|-----------|----|-----|-----|
| Liverpool | 34 | 85 | +57 |
| Man City | 33 | 83 | +64 |
| Tottenham | 33 | 67 | +30 |
| Arsenal | 33 | 66 | +26 |
| Chelsea | 34 | 66 | +21 |
| Man Utd | 33 | 64 | +19 |

Q Can Arsenal miss out on a Champions League place even if they finish in top four?

A Yes. No country can have more than five teams in the Champions League next season. If English teams win both Euro competitions and both those teams finish outside the top four, the fourth-placed team would enter the Europa League instead. So, for example, Arsenal would miss out if they were fourth but Tottenham and Chelsea won the two Euro trophies and both of them finished outside the top four.



WORD IN YOUR EAR... Newcastle boss Benitez with Ritchie

Ritchie well out of Toon

MATT RITCHIE has been told he can leave Newcastle this summer after having his request for a new deal rejected.

SunSport understands the Toon winger met boss Rafa Benitez for talks over his future last week.

During their discussions, Ritchie, who turns 30 in September, asked about an extension to his current contract which expires in 2021.

But Benitez informed the Scotland international he would not be given new terms because of his age.

And the Spaniard then gave Ritchie the green light to look for another club – if he wanted to try and secure one last bumper deal.

The news came as a shock to Ritchie, who has been one of the Toon's stars of the season and is a fans' favourite.

He has started more Premier League games this term than any other Newcastle outfield player and has shown his versatility by slotting into a new left wing-back role in recent weeks.

But Ritchie, who has attracted interest from his old club Bournemouth, could now be one of several players heading out of St James' Park. Midfielder Isaac Hayden

wants to move south for family reasons and Mo Diame is out of contract.

Out-of-favour Jonjo Shelvey also had crunch talks with Benitez last week.

Striker Joselu and keeper Rob Elliot are surplus to requirements as are five of the Toon's players out on loan – Dwight Gayle, Jack Colback, Henri Saivet, Achraf Lazaar and Rolando Aarons.

Out of the trio Newcastle have on loan from other clubs – Salomon Rondon (West Brom), Kennedy (Chelsea) and Antonio Barreca (Monaco) – Benitez only wants to keep 29-year-old striker Rondon.

Top Tips

by JACK KENNEDY

MANCHESTER CITY need a sparkling night to avoid a second successive Champions League quarter-final exit to a Premier League rival.

Son Heung-min handed Spurs a 1-0 home win in the first leg, yet City will fancy overturning that.

Sergio Aguero missed a penalty but is 5-6 with Ladbrokes to score anytime tonight. City are also 9-2 with Bet365 to win by a three-goal margin.

We like a 14-1 Ladbrokes long shot of over 3.5 goals, over 11.5 corners, Aguero to have 3+ shots on target and Son to have 1+ shots on target.

DIAMOND: Sergio Aguero to score, 5-6 with Ladbrokes.

NEXT BEST: Man City to win by three goals, 9-2 with Bet365.

LONG SHOT: Over 3.5 goals, over 11.5 corners, Aguero 3+ shots on target and Son 1+ shots on target, 14-1 with Ladbrokes.

Flare thrower will Kop stadium ban

LIVERPOOL have pledged to ban any fan found to have thrown a flare into the away end during Sunday's 2-0 victory against Chelsea.

The Reds have also condemned an "offensive" chant sung by supporters about the Stamford Bridge side.

Merseyside Police are investigating the flare incident, which resulted in a nine-year-old boy receiving medical treatment.

A spokesperson from the Kop club said: "Any person found to have committed this offence will be banned from our ground."

"The club is also concerned about a chant from some of our fans, specifically referencing Chelsea, as inappropriate and offensive."

"We would urge all Liverpool supporters to respect each other and stop such chants as they do not reflect the inclusivity that the club stands for."

"As a proud member of Stonewall's Diversity Champions programme, we are committed to LGBT equality across all areas of the club."

HENNESSEY TOLD FA HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT A NAZI SALUTE WAS

See News Page 9

Snod's dopey

ROBERT SNODGRASS has picked up a one-match ban after being found guilty of misconduct towards UK anti-doping officials.

The West Ham midfielder, 31, was not due to be tested – nor did he refuse a test – when officials visited the training ground in February.

But the Scotland star (right) was also fined £30,000.

An FA statement read: "It's alleged his language and/or behaviour towards UK anti-doping officials, visiting West Ham, was abusive and/or insulting and/or improper."

"The player has been given a one-match suspension, which is not currently active while he considers his right of appeal, and fined £30,000."



THREE-GAME BAN, ANDRE

ANDRE GOMES has been banned from Everton's next three matches after accepting an FA charge of violent conduct.

The Portugal midfielder, 25, appeared to stamp on Fulham's Aleksandar Mitrovic in Saturday's 2-0 defeat.

Gomes now misses the games with Manchester United, Crystal Palace and Burnley. He will be eligible for the Toffees' season finale at Spurs.

Joey reported

JOEY BARTON is in even bigger bother after Barnsley reported him to the EFL and FA for an alleged assault on manager Daniel Stendel.

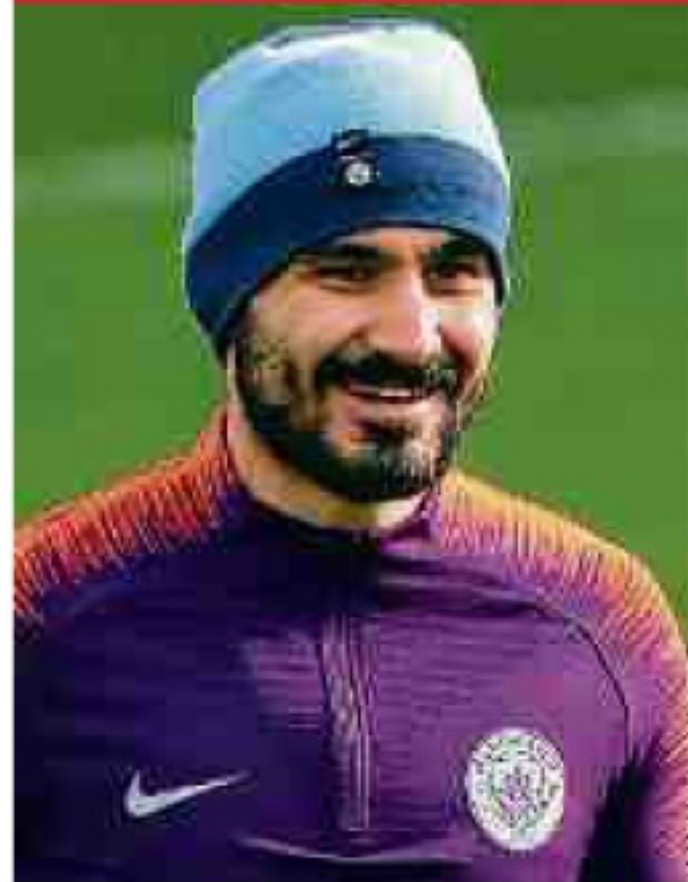
Fleetwood boss Barton, who was jailed in 2008 for assault and affray, is said to have confronted Stendel in the tunnel after Saturday's League One game, which ended in a 4-2 win for the home side at Oakwell.

The police are investigating and a club statement read: "Barnsley can confirm it has lodged a formal complaint to the EFL and the FA."

"The club is also working with the police and assisting with all enquiries regarding the incident. No further comment will be issued whilst police investigations are ongoing."



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MANCHESTER



GUNDOGAN... running down deal

ILKAY WILL HOLD OUT OVER DEAL

By MIKE McGRATH and MARTIN BLACKBURN

ILKAY GUNDOGAN will look for assurances over regular football — before committing himself to Manchester City.

The Germany midfielder, 28, has one full season on his Etihad deal and is on transfer shortlists at Inter Milan and Real Madrid.

He has started 18 Prem games this campaign but City are also in the market for a long-term replacement for Fernandinho.

Gundogan will assess his status in Pep Guardiola's squad before agreeing fresh terms.

Pep tried to land Ajax's Frenkie de Jong before Barcelona swooped and City have also looked Ruben Neves, Rodri, Saul Niguez and Tanguy Ndombele.

International team-mates Sami Khedira and Emre Can ran their contracts down to secure free transfers but City are reluctant to let assets get into their final year.

City also have the threat of a Fifa ban looming and will not want to lose players if they cannot bring players in.

Inter are looking at taking Gundogan to Serie A and have added him to central midfield targets that include Luka Modric.

Italian sources say they are ready to bid £28million this summer to snare Gundogan.

He could also be on Real Madrid's radar if Toni Kroos moves away from the Bernabeu.

POCH HAS SES FACTOR

EXCLUSIVE by MIKE McGRATH

MAURICIO POCHETTINO'S pulling power has given Spurs the edge in the race for Ryan Sessegnon.

The Fulham winger (below), 18, has attracted interest from Tottenham, Manchester United and Paris Saint-Germain after being relegated from the Premier League.

Germans Borussia Dortmund are also eyeing him on a free in 2020 if he allows his contract to expire.

But Tottenham could get a deal done this summer.

Poch has continued to put his faith in youth, making Spurs an attractive proposition.

The England Under-21 star also falls comfortably into the club's wage structure.

He used to be rated at £50million but Fulham will only get compensation if he runs down his deal and quits next year.



QUADRO

Pep so prickly ahead of City crunch clashes

By PAUL JIGGINS



JUST one goal separates the teams going into tonight's Battle of Britain decider at the Etihad.

But the difference between both managers yesterday could hardly have been greater.

While po-faced Pep Guardiola looked like a man with the weight of the world on his shoulders, rival Mauricio Pochettino was the complete opposite.

Maybe Guardiola was feeling the strain knowing Poch can finish Manchester City's Champions League AND Premier League hopes in the space of three days as they clash at the Etihad again on Saturday.

The Spurs boss was so relaxed, you could have been forgiven for thinking he was preparing for a pre-season friendly, not the biggest game of his managerial career.

While Pep treated his meeting with the media like it was something he had discovered on the bottom of his shoe, Poch was determined to make the most of his — and Tottenham's — moment in the Champions League spotlight.

The amiable Argentine has guided Spurs into the last eight for the first time under him and only the third time in their entire history.

And he clearly does not want it to end.

When his press guru called last orders for reporters' questions, Pochettino was having none of it and gave him a polite rebuff. He admitted: "I've waited so long to get to this stage, now I want to enjoy it."

"All I have ever won is three Catalunya Cups. Now we are in the Champions League quarter-finals, so we should make the most of it."

His jovial mood was in stark contrast to that of Guardiola, who had earlier sneered and snarled his way through questions he seemed to think were below him.

The Spaniard was less than happy when asked if he still believed Spurs were "The Harry Kane team".

He snapped: "The same strong team they had three years ago, last season and this. Incredible, top

team." Prickly Pep then got all sarcastic when asked if he was under pressure to deliver City's first Champions League crown.

He said: "I have to win. The chairman asked me I have to win three times in a row — that was his desire."

"In football you lose more than you win, you try to improve on the next fella and the fella before. We try to do our best tomorrow."

Throughout the press conference, former Barcelona boss Guardiola — considered the best in the business — kept referring to himself as a "failure".

He said: "I played many times in that stage. I'm a failure but many times I've arrived in quarter-finals and semi-finals."

Asked why he is a failure, Pep

said: "Because I don't win the Champions League."

"My teams when they don't win the Champions League, they 'fail' all the time. I know people say I came here to win the Champions League. I didn't come here to win the Champions League, honestly."

"I came to play with my team the way we are playing the last 20 months. That is why I came here — to play the way I want to play."

"Of course I want the Champions League. I know in Bayern Munich, after three seasons winning absolutely everything, the Champions League was a big failure."

Only tonight will tell whether Guardiola's weird press conference was a masterstroke or mistake.

Maybe Pochettino — with his team

leading 1-0 from the first leg — was too relaxed. Who knows? Or maybe the strain of chasing a historic Quadruple is starting to show?

Perhaps Pochettino can afford to smile because few outside the club expect them to get through.

Asked whether Guardiola was under greater pressure, Poch said: "I don't want to talk about that. The reality is the reality."

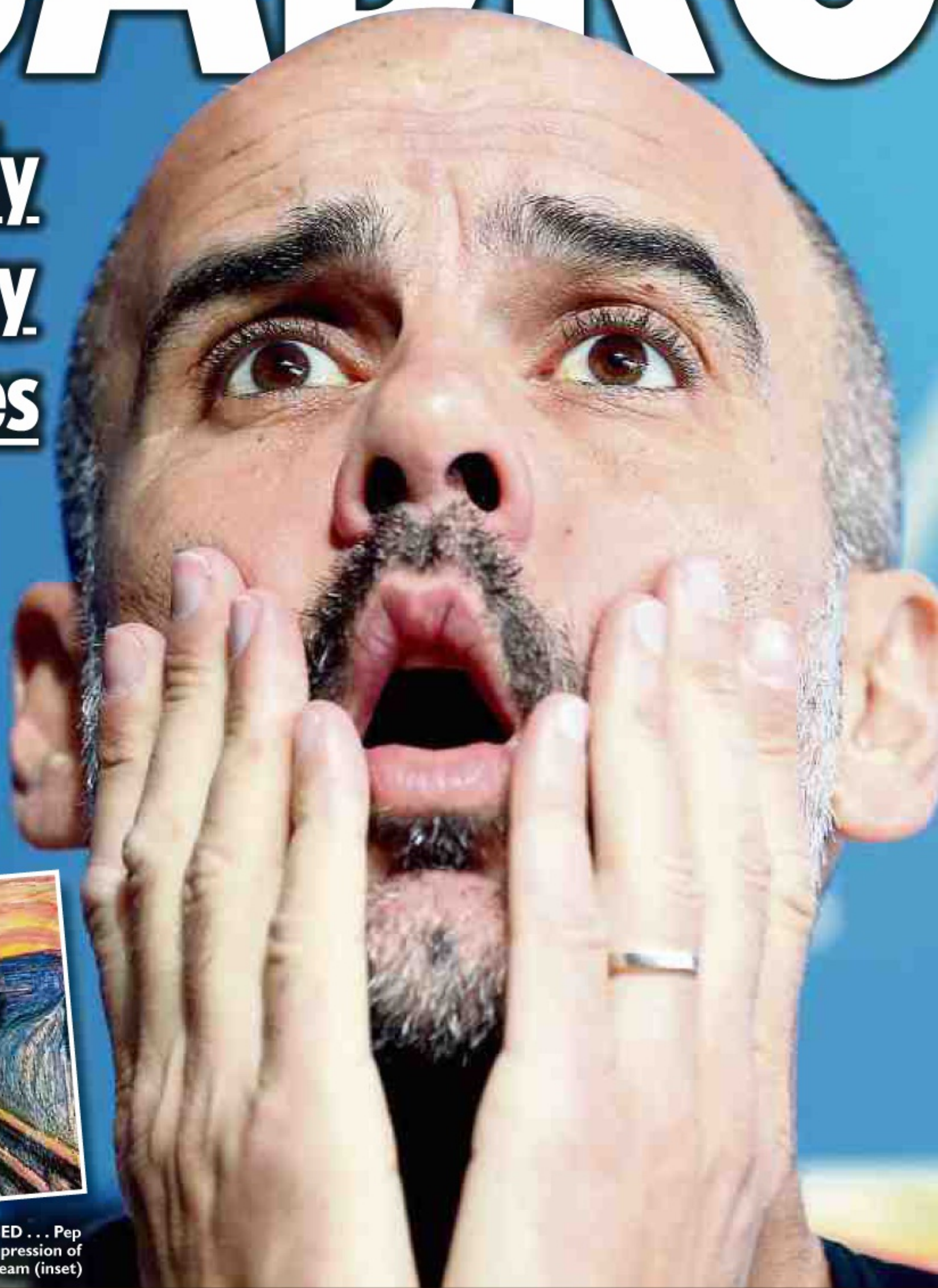
"I am a person that never makes excuses after and never before."

"We are going to be more than proud of our run in the Champions League and try and arrive in the semi-final and challenge a team like Man City."

The bosses were first rivals when Pep was in charge of Barcelona and Poch managed their neighbours



STRESSED... Pep does impression of The Scream (inset)



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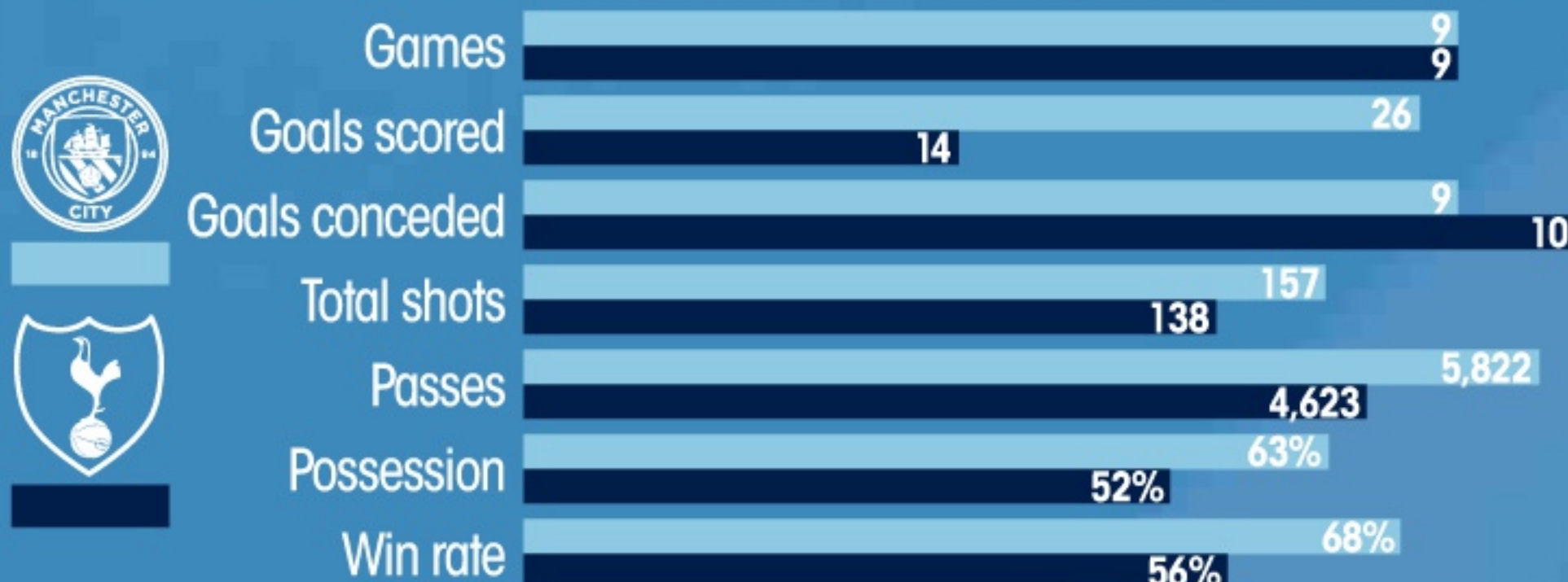
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HOW THEY COMPARE IN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE THIS SEASON



CITY RECORD v SPURS

Last eight clashes at The Etihad

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|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Dec 16, 2017 | W 4-1 | Nov 24, 2013 | W 6-0 |
| Jan 21, 2017 | D 2-2 | Nov 11, 2012 | W 2-1 |
| Feb 14, 2016 | L 2-1 | Jan 22, 2012 | W 3-2 |
| Oct 18, 2014 | W 4-1 | May 10, 2011 | W 1-0 |

Played 8
Man City goals 23
Spurs goals 9
WIN RATE 75%

0 SERGIO AGUERO scored ten goals in his first seven games v Spurs for Manchester City, but has since failed to score in each of his last seven matches against them.

1-0 SPURS were KO'd the last time they won 1-0 in the first leg of a two-legged European tie at home, by Kaiserslautern in the 2000 Uefa Cup.

3 MAURICIO POCHETTINO'S Spurs side have won each of their last three Champions League matches. They have never won four in a row in the competition.

Lloris ready to suffer for glory

By PAUL JIGGINS

HUGO LLORIS has warned his Tottenham team-mates they will have to SUFFER to taste Champions League glory tonight.

Spurs take a 1-0 lead into the quarter-final second leg at Manchester City and skipper Lloris said: "We have a small advantage but everything can turn very quickly."

"It's important to come here with ambition, to stick with our basics and if we have the mentality to score goals it will make it harder for Manchester City. "But we know we will have to suffer."

Son Heung-min scored Tottenham's first-leg winner after Frenchman Lloris had

saved an early Sergio Aguero penalty.

The keeper added: "Football can change very quickly."

"It is all about the mentality, the spirit, to have the same idea of football together and then, of course, we are ready to suffer."

"We know we can make the game difficult for them too. It is just about enjoying being at this stage of the competition."

"We are ready to fight and make history for our club."

Dele Alli (left) missed Saturday's 4-0 Premier League win over Huddersfield after breaking his hand.

But the England midfielder trained in a cast yesterday and is likely to face City.

No Stones left unturned, City

By MARTIN BLACKBURN

JOHN STONES does not think the Quadruple is impossible.

The Manchester City defender can see no harm in dreaming as his club face a huge seven days in what could be an historic season.

City have a double-header with Tottenham and then a trip across town to rivals Manchester United.

Win the lot and City really will start to believe anything is possible – despite what boss Pep Guardiola has said.

England centre-back Stones, 24, said: "I don't think a lot of things are

impossible, that is the mindset of different people. We are still on for the Quadruple and that is the dream we are fighting every day for."

"If you don't dream, you are not going to get anywhere near it."

City have five Premier League games left, including a game in hand on Liverpool, who have a two-point lead.

Stones added: "We have to trust in ourselves that it will bring the best out of us and perform whenever we have a game. We have to enjoy the pressure and roll with it."



OVER THE TOP, PEP

IS it a full medal jacket, cardigan or a coat?

Either way, Pep Guardiola's favourite item of clothing — his Herno woolly top — costs a crazy £1,215.

But the Manchester City boss does earn over £15m a season!

Fans

From Back Page

fans are going to react. I want to see they want to get to the semi-finals — not the players, there's no doubt about the players after the last 20 months.

"Do it for the guys. The last 20 months, we are so proud with what they have done."

"They are human beings, they will have bad moments in the games and at that moment we need our supporters."

Tonight marks the start of a make-or-break week for City which sees them face Spurs twice at home and Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Guardiola's team still remain in the hunt for a Quadruple.

But he said: "If we don't win these games we'll be out of two competitions."

"They are absolute finals for us, I've had that feeling from weeks ago."

Lifts

From Back Page

and I am going to respect him.

"It is good that people like Ronaldinho think you have the quality to win. That increases our belief."

World Cup winner Ronaldinho won 97 caps for Brazil and the Champions League with Barcelona in 2006.

And Poch added: "Maybe we will be able to beat an amazing team like Manchester City. I learn a lot from him, laughing, smiling, dancing."

"Football is a sport, if you want to play well, you have to be happy and smile."

"I learn a lot from the Brazilian players but spending nearly three years with Ronaldinho was amazing."

Spurs will be without the injured Harry Kane, Harry Winks, Serge Aurier and Eric Dier.

Espanyol. The Spurs chief said: "I think he's won 25 or 26 or 24 titles and is one of the most successful managers of the past ten years. There is not another like him."

"For me, a title with Tottenham is a massive dream. So 25 or 26, I am not sure, it is more than a dream for any manager in the world."

"What he has done in Barcelona, Bayern Munich and now Manchester City is unbelievable."

"He shows his quality. For us, it is not easy. We made our success — different coaches, different things."

"Espanyol, Southampton, Tottenham are different pressures to Barcelona, Bayern Munich, Manchester City. We need to set our objectives at a different level."

Both Lyon and Crystal Palace

have won at the Etihad this season. But Pochettino warned: "City are going to be completely different when it is a final like this."

"They are not games that can give some information to us."

"The reference is the game we played a week ago. The reference is when we play again and the competition is completely different."

"Manchester City are one of the best teams in the world and a clear favourite to win the Premier League and Champions League."

"For us to beat them in the first leg was an amazing result."

"We know very well the tie is still open and tomorrow is going to be very tough."

"But we have the belief that we are going to fight."



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

QUARTER-FINAL SECOND LEG



DISTRAUGHT ... Cristiano Ronaldo cannot believe it

Ronaldo out as Juve fail to see De Ligt

Juventus.....1 Ajax.....2

(Ajax win 3-2 on aggregate)

AJAX'S European dream is still alive after stunning Juventus in their own backyard.

The Dutch giants came from behind in Turin to book their first Champions League semi-final for 22 years at the expense of Cristiano Ronaldo.

Hero defender Matthijs de Ligt, who headed the winner, admitted: "I can't describe the emotions."

"It's unbelievable what we have achieved – but we are never satisfied."

"The next game is important and we will see who we get. We have no preference."

Ajax last lifted the famous trophy in 1995 thanks to Patrick Kluivert's strike against AC Milan.

And now the four-time Euro champions are a game away from reliving the glory days – with Manchester City or Tottenham up next.

Ronaldo, who boasts **FIVE** winners' medals, put Juve within touching distance of the last four with his towering 28th-minute header.

But fresh from their thumping of holders Real Madrid in the last 16, this young Ajax side stepped up when it mattered as Donny van de Beek and De Ligt struck either side of half-time.

Erik ten Hag's side were eyeing a Champions League semi spot for the first time since 1997 – a team that included Edwin van der Sar, Frank de Boer, Marc Overmars and Kluivert.

But in the opposition stood a legend in the form of Ronaldo. And it was the Portuguese who struck the first blow.

Similar to his opener in the first leg, Ronaldo peeled off his marker from a corner to puncture Andre Onana's net with a bullet header.

His statistics are now becoming ludicrous. This

was his 126th goal in Europe, his ninth strike in seven against Ajax.

In total it was his 599th club goal in 799 games.

He really is the big-boy bully when it comes to European football.

The insanity and joy of it all was tainted slightly by a VAR check, only for it to confirm Joel Veltman was, in fact, pushed over by his own skipper De Ligt in the build-up.

But Ajax joined the party six minutes later thanks to an ice-cool finish from Van de Beek.

The ball landed at his feet ten yards out from Hakim Ziyech's fluffed shot, but the way he then slid it around keeper Wojciech Szczesny was anything but lucky.

VAR once more was checked, with no change in the outcome, as Ajax continued to hold their own until the break.

Confidence grew massively from the youthful visitors, their silky one-touch passing forcing Juve to chase shadows.

Szczesny made two world-class saves from Ziyech and Van de Beek.

Then on 67 minutes Ajax dared to dream as Lasse Schone's corner to the back post was met with a thunderous header by De Ligt.



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DAVE FAILS TO SAVE
... De Gea looks gutted as his howler (left) gifts Messi a goal



LIME-LIGHT ... Ajax's Matthijs de Ligt celebrates scoring

3 BARCA became the first team to score three goals from outside the box in a CL game since Chelsea v Qarabag in September 2017.

8 UNITED played four of the back five (De Gea, Young, Smalling and Jones) that started, lost and were KO'd at the CL group stage v Basel EIGHT seasons ago.

24 LIONEL MESSI has scored twice as many Champions League goals against English sides than any other player (24).

BIG-MATCH VERDICT

By **DAVE KIDD**

CHIEF SPORTS WRITER

MANY better footballers than Fred have been made to look thoroughly stupid by Lionel Messi, of course.

But as an emblem of Manchester United's shambolic post-Ferguson recruitment policy, it is difficult to think of anyone more perfect than the £52million Brazilian midfielder.

There are plenty of other candidates – Angel Di Maria bombed for what was a club-record fee of £59.7m.

Alexis Sanchez is being paid half-a-million pounds every week.

Memphis Depay was a £25m shocker.

Among Ed Woodward's deadwood, there must be dishonourable mentions for Henrikh Mkhitaryan (£30m), Marouane Fellaini (£27.5m), Morgan Schneiderlin (£24m), while Romelu Lukaku might just about have been cheap at half his £75m price tag.

But drop-dead Fred is in a league of his own.

It wasn't just that Fred was bad as United were elegantly dismantled by Messi's Barcelona.

At times, Fred was 'is this bloke an actual footballer?' bad. He was raffle-winner bad.

It was genuinely uncomfortable to watch him play in this Champions League quarter-final second leg.

And somebody in United's unfit-for-purpose recruitment system decided he would be United's one significant signing of last summer.

And that they should pay Shakhtar Donetsk £52m for a 25-year-old with no experience in Europe's top leagues.

Fred was kippered by Messi for the opening goal, after Ashley Young had been dispossessed trying to be too clever by half.

Then Fred was left flailing wildly in the Argentinian's wake for his second, which went straight through an embarrassed David De Gea.

De Gea had been undergoing "super special preparations" to confront Messi, according to United's goalkeeping coach Emilio Alvarez.

But holding on to a bog-standard shot obviously wasn't part of that masterplan.

Fred had already had a penalty awarded against him after a clumsy challenge on Ivan Rakitic – a decision just about correctly overturned by ref Felix Brych after a VAR review.

After Messi's quick-fire double, Fred could be seen consistently passing the ball into touch and being used as a training-ground bollard by Barcelona's masterful manipulators of a football.

Fred is one of many expensive mistakes United – still without a director of football – will need to rectify.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has one hell of a job on his hands and, now that his incredible honeymoon period is over, there are already concerns the Norwegian may be out of his depth.

For instance, any decisive manager would have hauled off poor old Fred before half-time, especially with Nemanja Matic fit enough to have been named on the bench – yet the Brazilian somehow lasted the distance.

This was a night when Jose Mourinho would have been having a quiet chuckle to himself.

The Portuguese may have stunk the place out but he certainly wasn't wrong about the need for a major defensive overhaul.

There have been too many commercial poster-boy signings at United and certainly not enough full-backs.

Young looks finished at the top level. The two legs of this tie seem to have confirmed as much.

Solskjaer's defensive options are threadbare. With Luke Shaw banned, Young moved to left-back, Victor Lindelof was shunted from centre-back to right-back, leaving a bandaged Phil Jones alongside Chris Smalling.

That all-English pairing has been commonplace at United since Sir Alex Ferguson's departure but it has



YOU COUTI... Philippe Coutinho gets Barca's third



LOSING THE FRED... flop hangs his head in shame

Fred and buried in mismatch



NOT IMPRESSED... United's top brass, including Ed Woodward, Joel Glazer and Sir Alex Ferguson

never looked like the sort of rock which Premier League and Champions League-winning teams are built on.

And should United now cash in on an increasingly inconsistent De Gea?

Will Paul Pogba stick around and knuckle down?

This was supposed to have been a glorious throwback of a night for Solskjaer and United, at the scene of their epic 1999 final triumph.

Sir Alex was being introduced over the PA system an hour before kick-off and the air of nostalgia was so thick around this fixture, that it was showing up in meteorologists' reports.

But nostalgia ain't what it used to be. It ain't even what it was when Solskjaer was appointed as permanent manager just last month. Now it is all

about the future for United and a thorough rebuild which, as Solskjaer acknowledges, is now needed.

It will be carried out by a manager who is a rookie at elite level and a director of football as yet unappointed, while rival clubs get their ducks in a row.

Because United remain light years away from the European elite.

They are in desperate need of a couple of wins against Everton, City and Chelsea in the next 11 days if they are not to fade away from the top-four race and end up in next season's Europa League.

United actually started off brightly for five minutes or so, Marcus Rashford hit the bar from an artful Pogba pass and Barca looked briefly rattled.

But then came Messi dropping deep against Fred. A mismatch for the ages.

Barcelona will not have it this easy in the likely event they face Liverpool in the semi-finals.

After Philippe Coutinho leathered in the third, Barca started playing humiliating periods of keep-ball.

United, who have not produced a decent performance since their miracle against Paris Saint-Germain last month, simply had to suck it up.

Solskjaer's aptitude for the job will be thrown into sharp focus now.

But this is a mess made by Woodward and a United hierarchy with more money than footballing sense.

It is going to need a mighty salvage job.

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POGBA... early threat

MESSI

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rebuilding job on his hands at Old Trafford. The Norwegian, 46, has now worryingly lost FIVE of his last SEVEN matches.

And last night was his third defeat in five since being handed the reins full-time on March 28.

Solskjaer admitted: "We know there's work to be done. This isn't going to change overnight."

"The next few years are going to be massive to get to the level Barcelona and other teams are at."

"We need to get the best out of each other and create an environment with a world-class attitude every single day."

"We've got good players to work with and have done really well to get to the quarters and challenge for the top four."

"But as I said, we've got a rebuilding job. That starts with the coaches and players – and with one or two additions."

Solskjaer was left contemplating what might have been as United could have scored TWICE in the opening five minutes.

Marcus Rashford clipped the bar from Paul Pogba's clever pass, while Scott McTominay fluffed another golden chance.

But Barca, who led 1-0 from the first leg, killed off United's hopes thanks to Messi's double and a Philippe Coutinho strike.

Solskjaer moaned: "We started well."

"In the first 15 minutes we felt we had got something, then in four minutes they get two."

"That is the Barcelona team – that's the level we have to aspire to. We can get there but have loads of work to do."

"If we want to get back to United's true traditions and level, we know we have to challenge Barca."

Solskjaer leapt to the defence of his under-fire Spanish keeper De Gea.

The United chief said: "It is so unfortunate with keepers that when you make an error it can get highlighted."

"But he made some fantastic saves and his contribution to the team is good."

De Gea will be having nightmares about Messi, who seemed hell-bent on getting revenge on Chris Smalling and Co for his bloody nose in the first leg.

And former United defender Rio Ferdinand joked: "Smashing him in the first game was one of the worst things they could have done."

"Smalling woke up the beast and Messi put on a clinic! Any fan comes to see things like that from Messi."

"With this guy, Barca can beat anyone."

4 MAN UTD have lost four away games in a row in all competitions for the first time since 1999. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer played in all four defeats back then.

4 BARCA have qualified for the Champions League semi-finals for the first time in four years (2014-15).

3 DAVID DE GEA has made three errors leading to goals in all comps this season. The only Prem keepers to have made more in 2018-19 at club level are Asmir Begovic (5) and Jordan Pickford (4).

UNITED GAMES TO GO JUST the Prem left for United now. Here are their fixtures...

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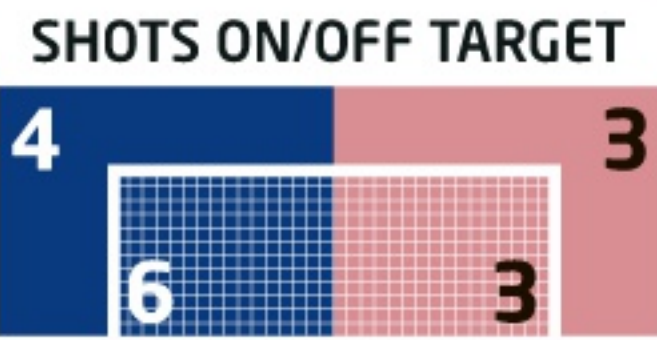


SUBS — BARCELONA: Nelson (Roberto 71) 6, Vidal (Arthur 75) 6, Dembele (Coutinho 81) 6. Booked: Suarez. Not used: Cillessen, Malcom, Aena, Umtili.
MAN UTD: Dalot (Martial 65) 6, Lukaku (Rashford 73) 6, Sanchez (Lingard 80) 6. Not used: Mata, Pereira, Romero, Matic.

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MAGICAL ... Messi scores first of his double at the Nou Camp

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Solskjaer 'n Co chewed up and spat out by magnificent Messi

SO much for the brave Nou world.

Manchester United were stripped of their dignity, their shortcomings laid bare by the brilliance of Lionel Messi.

The Little Master was at his spell-binding, shimmering best to take Barcelona into the semi-finals of the Champions League.

His run for the first goal was electrifying, jolted into action when Ashley Young inexplicably tried to pull off a Cruyff turn.

Messi's next, carved out when Fred lost possession for the millionth time, squirmed embarrassingly under David De Gea.

Job done, just 20 minutes into a Champions League quarter-final second leg.

Europe's top table – the last four of elite level club competition – is no place for United in their current condition.

They were dismantled, with their limitations brutally exposed on one of the biggest nights of the football calendar.

Messi, at his rapturous best, engineered Barca's third with a drilled 30-yard pass laced with Tiger Woods' backspin after 61 minutes.

Jordi Alba touched it into the feet of Philippe Coutinho and the former Liverpool forward walloped it beyond De Gea's reach. United were humiliated.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, 24 games into his career as manager, is in danger of getting found out.

This is five defeats in seven, the sort of run that would have people screaming for the Special One's head to be served up on a platter.

Solskjaer, bless him, is being overwhelmed. The gung-ho approach, this

By **NEIL ASHTON**

CHIEF FOOTBALL REPORTER

up-and-at-'em, fastest-on-the-draw football worked in his first few weeks in charge.

It was all nicey-nicey then, with Ole at the wheel and all that fluff around the place.

But this was an embarrassment.

There is a naivety about United's manager, with a mistaken belief they could pull off another Paris Saint-Germain-style miracle.

Barcelona have been refining keep-ball for years, perfecting the art with their historic Champions League victories in 1992, 2006, 2009, 2011 and 2015.

At this level United will come across smarter brains, sharper minds and more skilful opponents.

And, of course, Messi belongs in a category above.

For 16 minutes he wandered about, appearing disinterested and disengaged as United pursued their helter-skelter approach.

Marcus Rashford had clipped the top of Marc-Andre ter Stegen's crossbar in the opening minute.

Solskjaer, inevitably, will claim it could have changed everything on a savage night to be a United player. Doubtful.

They survived a penalty – given, then rescinded by German referee Felix Brych – after Fred challenged Ivan Rakitic 11 minutes in. VAR spared them.

There was no escape five minutes later when Young, squeezed in at left-back because Luke Shaw was suspended, tried to pull off his little party piece.

Rakitic nicked the ball off his toes, passed to Messi and the rest played out in slow-motion.

He left Fred for dead, sent Phil Jones out to A&E, before curling a left-footed effort beyond the reach of De Gea's right arm. Four

minutes later the GOAT was grazing on another.

Fred the Red, and it may as well have been United's cuddly mascot, was dispossessed yet again on the edge of the area.

It is at times like this when you look up and feel sorry that it has to be Jones standing in the way of Messi again.

Barca's captain used the United defender as a sight-line before wrapping his right foot around the effort. Dave did not save, messing up his angles and misjudging the power and accuracy.

De Gea will need to have a good look at the third goal as well because he went with the wrong hand when Coutinho unloaded a beauty.

He dived to his left and flung up his arm as the Barca forward's effort whistled past him.

It was only a few weeks ago that DDG was a human shield, keeping out everything in a streaky win at Tottenham.

Here he looked vulnerable, fragile and mentally weak whenever Messi got to work. He was not alone.

It is all well and good for Solskjaer to send Jones out to be a hero with a bandage wrapped around his head.

Messi v Jones, at least in a football stadium, just is not a fair fight. To watch Messi turn him, then nutmeg him in the same movement in the first half just seemed unfair on the fella.

Jones is not up to this level. One day he will be able to do something none of us will ever be able to do, which is to tell his grandkids he played in the Nou Camp against the Little Master.

It is the sort of sentence you still have to say two or three times out loud to really believe.

It is mismatches on a scale as grand as this that led to "Ole" being chanted inside the Nou Camp in the second half.

After this savaging, it was not coming from the United end.

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MESSI OPENER

LIONEL MESSI collects the ball after a mistake from Ashley Young and ghosts past Fred before unleashing a stunning left-foot shot past David De Gea.

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Fans get Pep talk

By MARTIN BLACKBURN

PEP GUARDIOLA has demanded Manchester City fans prove they really want Euro glory.

City have to overturn a 1-0 deficit tonight at home to Spurs to reach the semi-finals of the Champions League.

But the stadium has been slow to sell out for tonight and boss Guardiola (above) said: "Without supporters, we cannot go through. I'm curious to see how our Turn to Page 55



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Ron lifts pal Poch

By PAUL JIGGINS

MAURICIO POCHETTINO reckons Ronaldinho is right — Tottenham can become Kings of Europe.

The Brazil legend, 39, has tipped Spurs to win the Champions League.

Poch (left), who played with Ron at Paris Saint-Germain, takes his team into tonight's quarter-final return at Manchester City with a 1-0 first-leg lead.

He said: "Wow. He knows a lot about football Turn to Page 55



Total Messi



FALLEN IDOL
... De Gea agony after his blunder

BLUNDERING UNITED ARE LEFT IN A...



LIONEL FLAIR...
Messi runs riot as Solskjaer looks on

By NEIL CUSTIS

LIONEL MESSI'S masterclass stunned Manchester United on a horror night in the Nou Camp.

And Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side only had themselves to blame as David De Gea and Ashley Young both dropped clangers.

Barcelona legend Messi robbed Young and hit a brilliant opener and added a second when his strike somehow squirmed under De Gea.

Boss Solskjaer admitted: "Messi was the difference. He and Cristiano Ronaldo have been the best players for the last decade and he showed his quality."

England legend Gary Lineker added: "It was a game between men and boys and possibly a footballing god. It was a Messi masterclass."

And after this Champions League quarter-final KO, Solskjaer admitted he has a huge Turn to Page 57

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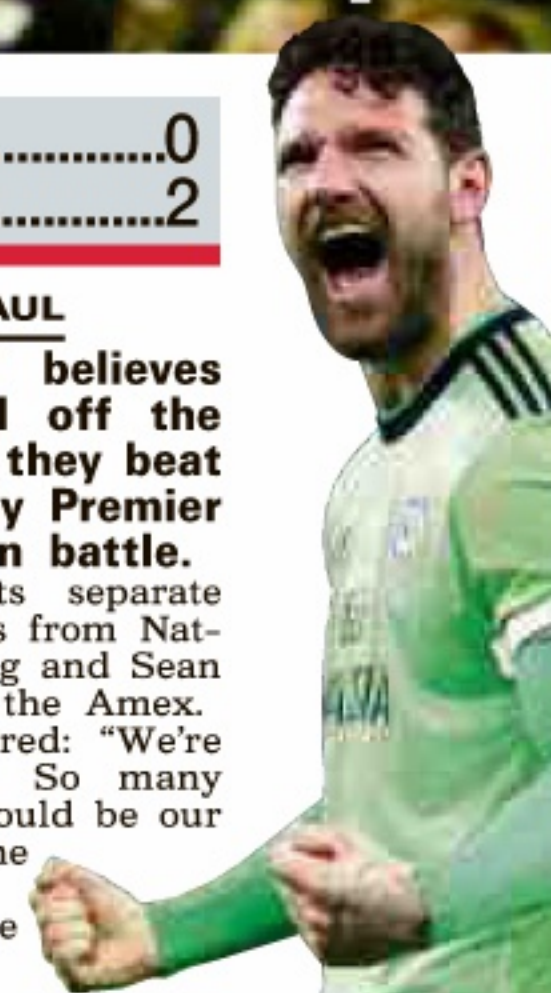
By ROB MAUL

NEIL WARNOCK believes Cardiff can pull off the Great Escape as they beat Brighton in a key Premier League relegation battle.

Only **TWO** points separate the sides after goals from Nathaniel Mendez-Laing and Sean Morrison (right) at the Amex.

Warnock, 70, roared: "We're alive and kicking. So many pundits said this would be our last game in the Premier League."

"I'm proud of the
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Dragao slayers



**KLOPP WARNING
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From CHARLIE WYETT in Porto

JURGEN KLOPP has warned his team to brace themselves for a Porto onslaught.

And the Liverpool manager screened a video to highlight the Champions League challenge awaiting the Reds tonight in the Estadio Do Dragao.

Before flying to Portugal for the quarter-final, Klopp (left) showed clips of Porto's stunning 3-1 win over Roma.

That came in the second leg of the last 16 after the Portuguese had lost the



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away leg 2-1. Klopp, whose team beat Porto 2-0 last week, said: "We had an analysis meeting and we were sitting there for 45 minutes talking."

"Part of it was about our first game and the other part was about the Roma second leg."

"We played Roma and they can be really uncomfortable but in the second

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ROBERTSON... returns

KLOPP

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leg against Porto, I did not see a real chance for them. Porto were in charge of that game and that was good.

"We should be prepared but we still have to play.

"The boys know I tell them the truth when I analyse things. I do not make teams bigger than they are or make them smaller than they are."

Andy Robertson will return from suspension at left-back. Joel Matip will play alongside Virgil van Dijk as Dejan Lovren is ill and did not travel.

Joe Gomez should be on the bench.

As for last season's 5-0 last 16 win at the Estadio Do Dragao, Klopp said it means nothing.

He added: "I did not like the last game. It was really strange.

"It was a really open game until 2-0.

"Even after that it was completely open. We do not remember things like this - we only look at the result.

"Porto are a really, really good football team.

"We have to play at our limit, at 100 per cent. You cannot withstand the power they can create.

"If we were 2-0 down and going into the home leg, would we think we were out? No way. That's exactly what Porto are thinking.

"But we go there to win the game, that is the plan for us."

Adam Lallana has returned to the squad and Jordan Henderson has overcome an ankle knock.

ON KOP OF THE WORLD

Yet Milner plays it down

SERGIO CONCEICAO kept a straight face when arguing that Liverpool, in certain aspects, are the best team in the world.

The Porto manager appeared to be genuine.

Yet James Milner, who has won silverware with Manchester City but nothing with Liverpool, was having none of it as he spoke at the Estadio Do Dragao last night.

Conceicao, whose team trail 2-0 from the first leg, said: "Liverpool give me all that I like about football in terms of their players and the way they play.

"I like the Liverpool dynamic. I like the Liverpool game model.

"I like the way they play and the way they are with the ball and also without it.

"It is similar to how I see football and in a lot of these moments in a game, they are the best team in the world."

But Milner did not look entirely convinced by the Porto boss' praise.

The veteran midfielder (left), 33, said: "That's a nice compliment and you get those compliments by playing good football over a sustained period. But to be that, you have to win trophies.

"That's something we haven't done yet

From **CHARLIE WYETT** in Porto

and something we are trying to do this season.

"There are a lot of good teams left in the Champions League.

"It's down to use to prove that and win these games and, hopefully, win at least one trophy.

"But there are a lot of good teams between us and the last game of the season.

"We have to keep improving and keep playing as we have been at the moment."

Milner certainly has a point, but as Liverpool gain momentum they can start to smell a trophy.

At this same venue 14 months ago, the Reds won 5-0 in a bizarre last-16 first-leg clash before a goalless draw at Anfield.

But after last week's 2-0 win, Liverpool will still be fearful of suffering the same fate as Roma, who were beaten here last month despite a first-leg home victory.

Milner played at left-back in the first leg as Andy Robertson was suspended but is set to be pushed back into midfield this evening.

And as you would expect with seven successive wins, confidence in the team is sky high.

Milner said: "There isn't too much talk about what's going on and what might happen at this stage of the season, really.

"It's how we've been all season. We are training the same way, the mentality going into the games is the same, that's what we can concentrate on, one game at a time and keep pushing.

"It's a massive positive in the dressing room that every game is just like the next game.

"There is plenty of talk outside the dressing room and in the media and on social media, so it's pretty hard to get away from it.

"But the lads are just focusing on our side and what we can control.

"There's a confidence in the squad but not an over-confidence, which is very important. You are

never going to play a full season playing your best football.

That's important to remember.

"There are going to be parts of the season when you aren't playing well.

"That has impressed me more than when we are playing well because we all know how well we can play.

"We proved it last year, we have blown teams away in certain periods of games.

"It's this year when we haven't been playing well and had to grind it out and go into the 90th minute to win games.

"That's what has impressed me more - digging out the clean sheets in the tight games.

"In a long season it's the tricky 15, 20, 45 minutes when you aren't on your game, can you keep a clean sheet and regroup and get a result and we've managed to do that. Hopefully that continues."

So will Liverpool fear Porto?

Former England man Milner added: "Fear is the wrong word.

We know how difficult it is going to be, for sure.

"The result last year was a bit of a false result as they had the odd chance.

"We were very clinical on the counter-attack and we've seen how good they are. We always knew it.

"I'd think some of the talk has been pretty disrespectful if I was Porto.

"They are a very good side and having gone out to us last year, if I was in the Porto dressing room I'd be wanting to get one over us.

"And that makes it even more difficult for us."

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4 MOUSSA MAREGA has scored in all four of Porto's home Champions League matches this season.

3 SINCE the start of last season, Liverpool have won three of their four away Champions League KO games, only losing to Roma in last season's semi-final (4-2).

6 PORTO have lost the first leg of a CL/Euro Cup knockout tie by two-plus goals on six previous occasions and on all six of those occasions they have been eliminated from the competition.



MEX FACTOR...
Herrera is hoping

It's Hec of a tear-up

From CHARLIE WYETT in PORTO

PORTO midfielder Hector Herrera claims they are not interested in revenge — but reckons they can “damage” Liverpool.

The Mexico international is hoping for a much better result than the last 16 clash 14 months ago when his team were thrashed 5-0 at home by the Merseyside giants before drawing 0-0 at Anfield.

Herrera, 28, who missed last week's 2-0 first-leg loss through suspension, said: “Is this a revenge match? No. I thought we were very good during the first match but committed some mistakes and they took advantage.

“That is the past and now we have an excellent opportunity. I believe we can get a positive result. We can damage a team as good as Liverpool.”

Former Real Madrid defender Pepe is also set to return for the Portuguese champions. He was also banned for the trip to Liverpool.

Porto coach Sergio Conceicao has told his side it is crucial they do not concede an early goal, which would all but end the tie.

He said: “The match is difficult to prepare because of the disadvantage we face.

“We are two goals behind a team which is very strong in attack so we need to be careful and not concede any more.”

DOUBLE TROUBLE
... Mo Salah and Roberto Firmino limber up during a session at the Reds' Melwood training centre yesterday

PEPE'S CAREER HOUSE OF CARDS

| | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|
| 2007-08 | 6 | 0 |
| 2008-09 | 7 | 1 |
| 2009-10 | 1 | 0 |
| 2010-11 | 5 | 1 |
| 2011-12 | 9 | 2 |
| 2012-13 | 7 | 0 |
| 2013-14 | 9 | 0 |
| 2014-15 | 4 | 0 |
| 2015-16 | 5 | 0 |
| 2016-17 | 1 | 0 |
| 2017-18 | 4 | 0 |
| 2018-19 | 5 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 63 | 4 |

HIS LEAGUE YELLOW AND REDS



2 SADIO MANE scored a hat-trick for Liverpool v Porto last season. Only Luiz Adriano v Bate and Cristiano Ronaldo v Atletico have scored more than one hat-trick against an opponent in CL.

0 LIVERPOOL have never lost a European match against Porto in seven previous encounters — with four victories and three draws. Reds have also kept three successive clean sheets against them.



HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD



| | |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Apr 9, 2019 | Liverpool 2 Porto 0 |
| Mar 6, 2018 | Liverpool 0 Porto 0 |
| Feb 14, 2018 | Porto 0 Liverpool 5 |
| Nov 28, 2007 | Liverpool 4 Porto 1 |
| Sep 18, 2007 | Porto 1 Liverpool 1 |
| Mar 15, 2001 | *Liverpool 2 Porto 0 |
| Mar 8, 2001 | *Porto 0 Liverpool 0 |

(All Champions League, except *Uefa Cup)

100 PORTO are the only remaining side in the CL to have won 100% of their home games in the competition this season (4/4). They last won five or more straight home games in the competition between 1998-1999 (run of six).

LIKELY LINE-UPS

Porto v Liverpool



FC PORTO v LIVERPOOL

Liverpool lead 2-0 after 1st leg

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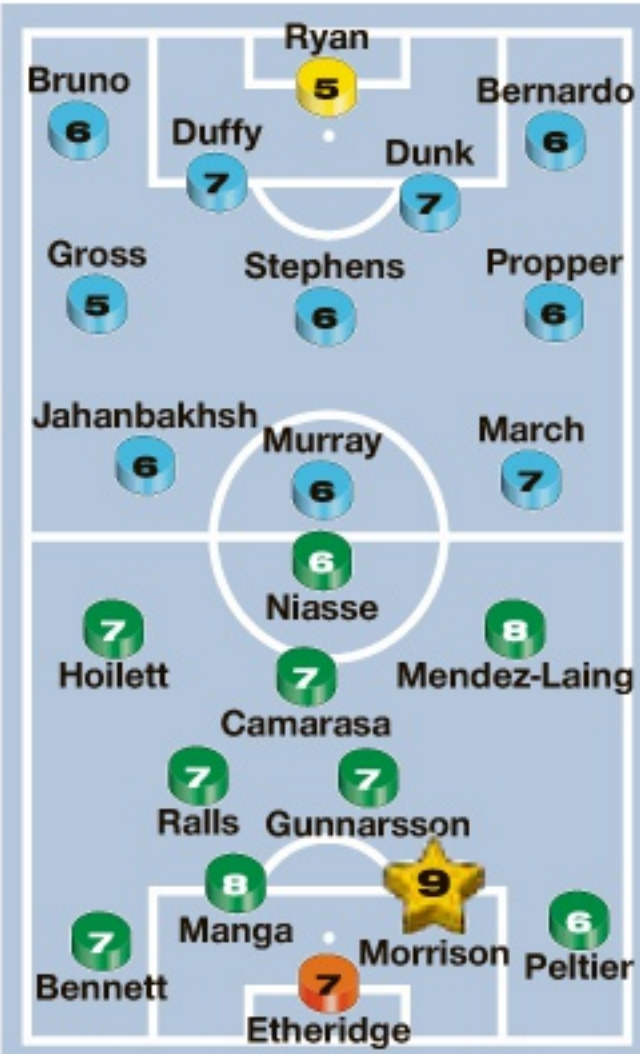
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CARDIFF have done a home league double over Brighton for the first time in 20 years – since the 1998-99 fourth tier campaign.



REFEREE: Andre Marriner
ATTENDANCE: 30,226

DREAM TEAM RATINGS

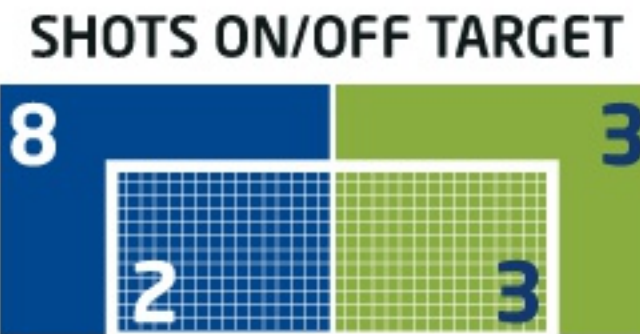


SUBS — BRIGHTON: Andone (Gross 54) 5, Izquierdo (Jahanbakhsh 69) 6. **Not used:** Bong, Kayal, Locadia, Button, Burn.
CARDIFF: Bacuna (Gunnarsson 55) 6, Harris (Mendez-Laing 80) 6, Zohore (Niasse 85) 5. **Not used:** J Murphy, Reid, B Murphy, Healey. **Booked:** Bennett.

(Ratings supplied by whoscored.com)



| BRIGHTON | CARDIFF |
|----------|----------------------------|
| 524..... | Passes.....303 |
| 404..... | Completed passes... 184 |
| 23..... | Touches in opp box..... 18 |
| 18..... | Tackles.....30 |
| 50%..... | Tackles won %.....67% |
| 11..... | Fouls conceded..... 13 |
| 22..... | Total crosses.....7 |
| 0/0..... | Yellow/red cards..... 1/0 |



TOP PLAYER STATS

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Touches..... | Stephens 96 |
| Passes..... | Dunk 80 |
| Total crosses..... | Gross 8 |
| Fouls won..... | Murray 6 |
| Shots on target..... | Morrison 2 |
| Key passes..... | Hoilett 4 |



2 NATHANIEL MENDEZ-LAING scored only his second league goal of the season with the opener and both have been away from home on a Tuesday. Cardiff won a top-flight away match by more than a single goal for the first time since Nov 1956 (2-0 at Charlton).



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MAT FINISH... Nathaniel Mendez-Laing (left) scores Cardiff's first goal despite the despairing dive of Mat Ryan

IT'S A LALAI

But Mendez beauty puts Bluebirds

By **ROB MAUL**

NATHANIEL MENDEZ-LAING and **Sean Morrison** gave Cardiff a massive Premier League lifeline as **Neil Warnock** tries to match **Tiger Woods** in the sporting comeback stakes.

In his fight for survival, Bluebirds boss Warnock says he will take inspiration from Woods' stunning against-the-odds Masters victory after years of injury woes.

Like 43-year-old golfer Woods, Cardiff have been written off many times – seemingly destined for Championship relegation with time running out to save their season.

But this incredibly important victory over fellow strugglers Brighton gives that old campaigner Warnock, 70, the chance to stage his own equally miraculous fight-back. Thanks to Mendez-Laing's

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|------------------------------|---|
| Brighton..... | 0 |
| Cardiff..... | 2 |
| Mendez-Laing 22; Morrison 50 | |

first-half screamer and then a precise header from Morrison, Cardiff have closed the gap on the Seagulls to **TWO** points with four matches left.

Though Chris Hughton's men have a game in hand – away to Tottenham – they are in free-fall and lacking morale and confidence.

This was their **FIFTH** straight defeat and given they have to visit Wolves and Arsenal, before a season-ender at home to Manchester City, it could be argued the momentum is with the Welsh side.

It was perhaps no great surprise, given the embarrassing manner in which they capitulated 5-0 at home to Bournemouth on Saturday, that Hughton would make

significant changes. In an attempt to freshen up the side, Yves Bissouma, Martin Montoya, Florin Andone and Jurgen Locadia were all dropped – presumably the ones Hughton felt were to blame for the heaviest loss ever suffered at the Amex Stadium.

Anthony Knockaert, of course, was the worst offender of that humiliating loss. The 27-year-old remains suspended for three matches for his reckless red-card lunge on Bournemouth's Adam Smith.

Hughton understandably said the French playmaker had let the side down for letting his frustrations get the better of him.

In their places came the evergreen Glenn Murray up front, captain Bruno at right-back, with Solly March, Alireza Jahanbakhsh and Pascal Gross occupying midfield roles.

Murray, 35, so often the hero round these parts, could have had an instant impact two minutes into the match when he diligently chased down a punt

forward. Yet Cardiff's Ethan Ampiah had the fortitude to head the ball from his penalty area into the net.

Nine minutes had passed and fans were still waiting for a penalty.

Cardiff defender Bryan Arrington dragged down Lewis Grabban as the pair tussled in the box after Gross swung in a cross.

Yet the referee Andre Marriner was not convinced, presumably because he was not convinced by the referee's decision.

For their arrival on the pitch, Cardiff made three changes to the team that lost 2-0 to Burnley.

The trio of Joe Ralls, Oumar Niasse and Harry Arnesen were performing well in the first half.

The introduction of particular, proved to be a mistake. On 22 minutes, after

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8 ONLY already relegated Fulham (six) and Huddersfield (four) have won fewer Premier League points in 2019 than Brighton (eight).

**PREM
GAMES
TO GO**



BRIGHTON
Saturday - Wolves (a)
Tuesday - Tottenham (a)
April 27 - Newcastle (h)
May 4 - Arsenal (a)
May 12 - Manchester City (h)



CARDIFF
Sunday - Liverpool (h)
April 27 - Fulham (a)
May 4 - Crystal Palace (h)
May 12 - Manchester United (a)

MENDEZ-LAING GOAL



TIME OF GOAL: **21min 7sec**



DISTANCE: **25yards**



SHOT SPEED: **62mph**



DALE FAIL... Stephens gutted after loss

SEAN

From Page 1

performance. We were disciplined and more clinical in the final third."

Cardiff take on Liverpool at home on Sunday and will feel the momentum is with them to stay up at the expense of Brighton.

Warnock said: "I've never lost belief that we would win games. Whether we'd get enough points is another matter."

"We have been 100-1 on to be relegated. At least now it makes Sunday's game more important."

"A full house against one of the best teams in the world, and we're not relegated yet."

"We're capable of picking up points against any of the teams we've got left to play this season. You might think I'm cloud cuckoo, but I think that."

"Liverpool is a free hit. We're not going to stay up on goal difference, are we?"

"They can score five or six against teams like us, they've got so many quality players. But we can give them a good game."

"I'm enjoying this. You don't win that many in the Premier League, so it's been a long season."

In fact, the last time Cardiff won a top-flight away match by more than a single goal was November 1956 — when Warnock was just seven years old.

The Seagulls, who travel to Wolves on Saturday, have a game in hand but are on a five-game losing streak, without scoring a goal.

Boss Chris Hughton said: "It has been a really bad week. As a team, as a club, and as individual players, there is only one way we can ensure we stay in this division — by fighting hard."

"I do believe we will stay up because I have to. It's in our own hands. But confidence is an issue, yes."

PREMIER LEAGUE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Liverpool | 34 | 26 | 7 | 1 | 77 | 20 | 85 |
| Man City | 33 | 27 | 2 | 4 | 86 | 22 | 83 |
| Tottenham | 33 | 22 | 1 | 10 | 64 | 34 | 67 |
| Arsenal | 33 | 20 | 6 | 7 | 66 | 40 | 66 |
| Chelsea | 34 | 20 | 6 | 8 | 57 | 36 | 66 |
| Man Utd | 33 | 19 | 7 | 7 | 63 | 44 | 64 |
| Leicester | 34 | 14 | 5 | 15 | 46 | 45 | 47 |
| Wolves | 33 | 13 | 8 | 12 | 41 | 42 | 47 |
| Everton | 34 | 13 | 7 | 14 | 46 | 44 | 46 |
| Watford | 33 | 13 | 7 | 13 | 47 | 48 | 46 |
| West Ham | 34 | 12 | 6 | 16 | 42 | 52 | 42 |
| Bournemouth | 34 | 12 | 5 | 17 | 49 | 61 | 41 |
| C Palace | 34 | 11 | 6 | 17 | 40 | 46 | 39 |
| Burnley | 34 | 11 | 6 | 17 | 42 | 60 | 39 |
| Newcastle | 34 | 10 | 8 | 16 | 32 | 43 | 38 |
| Southampton | 33 | 9 | 15 | 39 | 54 | 36 | 33 |
| Brighton | 33 | 9 | 6 | 18 | 32 | 53 | 33 |
| Cardiff | 34 | 9 | 4 | 21 | 30 | 63 | 31 |
| (R) Fulham | 34 | 5 | 5 | 24 | 32 | 76 | 20 |
| (R) Hud'field | 34 | 3 | 5 | 26 | 19 | 67 | 14 |

ING SHOT

birds back in survival mix

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Davy Propper was tackled heavily, albeit fairly in the eyes of the referee, Cardiff broke with numbers and intent.

Junior Hoilett fed Mendez-Laing the ball in space and the winger produced a stunner from 20 yards which curled beyond the outstretched hand of Brighton goalkeeper Mathew Ryan.

It was an unstoppable strike — amazingly it was only his second goal this campaign — and a rare moment of quality in an otherwise drab match.

In comparison, shooting has been an issue for Brighton in recent games and they had to wait until the 91st minute against the Cherries on Saturday to register their first shot on target.

This time it took until the 29th minute when they finally tested the palms of Etheridge, but he was more than capable to catch the header from Shane Duffy from a corner.

Rather than boo the team off at half-time, which would have been completely understandable, Brighton fans upped the

decibel level and tried to install belief into their weary stars.

It did not have the desired effect. Five minutes into the second half, Victor Camarasa floated over the free-kick and the ever-reliable captain Morrison headed home confidently for his first goal for almost 12 months.

Nearest Seagulls defender Dunk would be rightly annoyed for failing to clear the delivery.

Brighton, scorers of just two league goals at home in 2019, offered little in response, though Murray had one header crash against the crossbar in stoppage-time.

As the match came to its natural conclusion, the Cardiff faithful sang: "There's only one Neil Warnock."

And you know what, despite all those insurmountable odds — considering he never achieved it with Sheffield United — he might just pull off this Great Escape.

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MORR ALBION MISERY... Morrison puts Cardiff two up

GOALS

LAST TIME
IPSWICH
WERE IN
THIRD TIER

1957

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MUSICDiana by Paul Anka
(9 weeks at No1)TOP
FILMThe Bridge on
the River KwaiTOP
TVKids TV Pinky & Perky
make their debutTOP
NEWSHarold Macmillan succeeds
Anthony Eden as PM

They have put me through the Mills

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IPSWICH were one of only NINE teams who were ever-present in the top two tiers of English football over the last 60 years. The eight remainers from next season are Liverpool, Everton, Arsenal, Man Utd, Spurs, Chelsea, Newcastle and West Ham.

TRACTS OF OUR TEARS
... dejected Ipswich players after Saturday's draw with Birmingham saw them relegated to League One

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3-0, 3-1 or 3-2

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Spurs to score
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William HILL

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THE fall from grace of Ipswich has left Tractor Boys legend Mick Mills feeling hollow.

But the club's former captain – a record appearance-holder, Uefa Cup (below) and FA Cup winner while at Portman Road – is praying for a swift resurrection.

The Suffolk club have been relegated to the third tier of English football for the first time in 62 years, a world away from former glories.

Mills, now 70, played 741 times for Ipswich – most of those under the late Sir Bobby Robson, whose success there earned him the England manager's job.

One of the best teams in the land, Ipswich also finished runners-up to both Aston Villa and Liverpool for the old First Division title in the early 1980s.

But though photographs on the walls will be constant reminders to next year's players in League One, Mills insists they must cope with the comparisons.

Mills still travels the length and breadth of the country watching the Tractor Boys, summarising for local radio.

He said: "For the players coming in and the youngsters, there are going to be

By HECTOR NUNNS

pictures around the club and the stadium of former glories.

"And you should never forget the past, they were good times so why forget them. That is a big part of the history of the football club.

"But, of course, the future is just as important, perhaps more important than the past.

"The next set of players must be able to handle those past achievements and not feel that they are a burden, weighing them

down." Mills still believes that Ipswich remain as big a club, in terms of infrastructure and support, as seven or eight of the current Premier League.

And he is backing Paul Lambert, former manager of fierce rivals Norwich, to repeat what he did at Carrow Road a decade ago and lead the club back into the Championship.

Mills added: "Paul has been a breath of fresh air as a person and personality. Results haven't always been there but the atmosphere has been good.

"He has been in the position before and did at Norwich what we would like him to do at Ipswich – so we think he is the right man for the job. There are

plenty of clubs comparable to Ipswich that have suffered the same fate. I genuinely think there are seven or eight teams in the Premier League on a par, size-wise, with Ipswich.

"So there is the belief deep down that we can get back there one day – but it is going to take time.

"Of course, it has been disappointing and it hurts. We are going down to a division that we have not been in for more than 60 years.

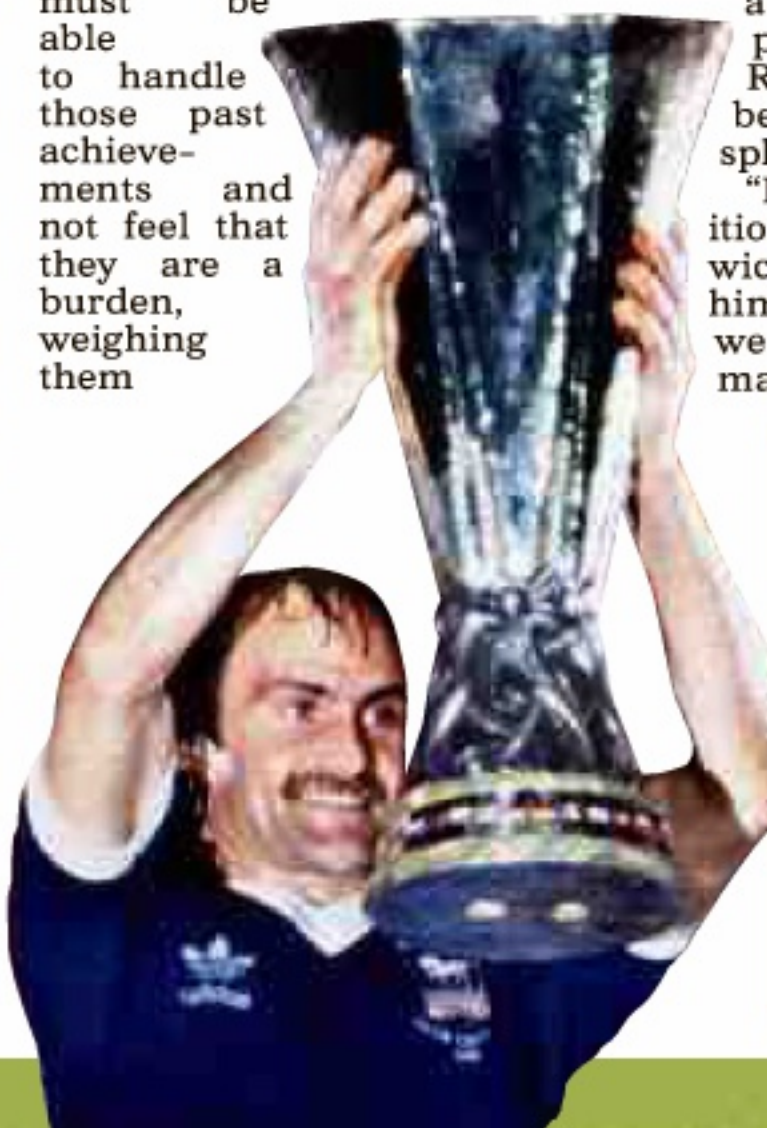
"There has been a decline at the club where things have not been quite right – and we all expected a bit more.

"Mick McCarthy did a very good job initially for the club but things went wrong and the change was needed – a bit of optimism came back.

"But it was obvious from very early on this season that it was not going to work out. We have known it was going to happen from a long way out. It wasn't a shock but no less painful.

"There are still a lot of good things about Ipswich. We have a fabulous training ground and stadium, a terrific youth policy that is still flourishing and great support.

"The nice feel about the club is still there, despite relegation. I expect a good year next season."



MILLS CAREER RECORD (all competitions)

| | Games | Goals |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| 1965-82 Ipswich | 744 | 30 |
| 1982-85 Soton | 123 | 3 |
| 1985-88 Stoke | 44 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 911 | 33 |
| 1972-82 England | 42 | 0 |

MAJOR HONOURS
FA Cup 1978, Uefa Cup 1981

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CURETON'S CLUB CAREER



■ Games
■ Goals

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----|----|
| 1993-95/07-10 | Norwich | 108 | 24 |
| 1995-96 | B'mouth (loan) | 6 | 0 |
| 1996-2000 | Bristol Rovers | 198 | 79 |
| 2000-03 | Reading | 127 | 55 |
| 2003-04 | Busan Icons (S Korea) | 21 | 4 |
| 2004-05 | QPR | 46 | 7 |

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|---------------|-------------------|----|----|
| 2005-06 | Swindon | 32 | 7 |
| 2006-07 | Colchester | 56 | 31 |
| 2008-09 | Barnsley (loan) | 8 | 2 |
| 2010 | Shrewsbury (loan) | 12 | 0 |
| 2010-11/12-13 | Exeter | 96 | 42 |
| 2011-12 | Leyton Orient | 23 | 1 |

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|------------|--------------------|----|----|
| 2013-14 | Cheltenham | 36 | 11 |
| 2014-16 | Dag & Red | 93 | 29 |
| 2016/17-18 | Farnborough | 48 | 28 |
| 2016 | Eastleigh | 7 | 1 |
| 2016-17 | St Albans | 17 | 5 |
| 2018- | Bishop's Stortford | 65 | 33 |

GAMES
999
GOALS
359



SHAN... reinforcements

Brom on Fox trail

By GRAHAM HILL

FORMER Leicester chiefs Craig Shakespeare and Michael Appleton are among the contenders to boost Jimmy Shan's West Brom promotion bid.

Shan was confirmed as boss until the end of the season after the Baggies failed to lure Alex Neil from Preston.

But technical director Luke Dowling said another appointment could be made.

Shakespeare was sacked as Foxes manager in 2017 four months after Claudio Ranieri's dismissal — and he joined Sam Allardyce's Everton coaching staff.

Appleton was No 2 to former Leicester boss Claude Puel before leaving last summer.

Dowling said: "Jimmy recognises there is space for more experience and we expect to clarify this over the coming days."



ROBINS... uncertainty

Brum of comfort

By GRAHAM HILL

COVENTRY are still in talks over a groundshare deal with Birmingham next season.

Both clubs confirmed the Sky Blues could play home games at St Andrew's.

Sky Blues' owners SISU are in a legal fight with Wasps — Coventry's landlords at the Ricoh Arena.

And if that row is not settled, Mark Robins' side will be evicted in August.

The stalemate continued when the Supreme Court denied an appeal asking for a judicial review into the sale of the Ricoh to Wasps in 2014.

Wasps chief Nick Eastwood said: "We urge the owners of Coventry to cease this legal action."

If the arrangements do not satisfy the other 71 EFL clubs, City could be kicked out of the league.

The EFL will meet to discuss it on April 25.

A Coventry statement said: "We are close on two groundshare options."



2018-19

Cureton gets the match ball after his hat-trick in Bishop's Stortford's win over Whitehawk made it 350 career goals

GRAND OLD MAN

By NEAL HARRINGTON

HE is about to play his 1,000th match yet retirement is the last thing on sprightly striker Jamie Cureton's mind.

Cureton may be 43 but the prolific marksman is eager to carry on playing.

He will reach the incredible milestone on Easter Monday when he turns out for Bishop's Stortford in their Bostik League Premier Division match at home to Brightlingsea Regent.

Since making his Premier League debut with Norwich in 1994, Cureton has notched up 999 appearances and scored an impressive 359 goals along the way.

His value remains undiminished and as recently as Saturday, the Stortford joint boss bagged a double in the 3-0 home win over Worthing to become the leading Premier Division scorer with 20 goals.

So what keeps the former England Under-18 international going?

He admitted: "I don't want to stop as my love of the game is so great. That's what drives me on."

"I still really enjoy being out there on a Saturday, scoring goals and winning football matches."

"I love it so much, it's just me loving football."

"As long as I can continue to do a job on the pitch, I will do it."

"I do everything possible recovery-wise to continue and prepare my body as best I can for games."

"My diet's very good, your body has to go with you."

"I'm playing at a very good level, especially for my age."

"I'm still able to play at a high level, for 90 minutes, scoring goals."

"I don't know what's in my genes but something keeps pushing me on."

"Competing at that level, that's my biggest achievement. I'm not out there making the numbers up."

Cureton, who works as an

assistant coach with Arsenal U16s, stepped into management in September last year by taking over the reins at seventh-tier Stortford alongside owner Steve Smith.

He has the proud record of scoring in all eight top tiers of English football.

And he was the Championship's leading marksman with 23 goals for Colchester in the 2006-07 season.

Cureton, who turns 44 in August, said: "I tend to keep going. By getting 20+ goals in a season, I think I should carry on."

"I am driven by targets. What can I get to? I've now scored over 350 goals, so I want to get to 400."

"It's given me an insight taking over as joint manager with Steve, like picking teams and giving team talks."

"I always see myself as going into management rather than coaching."

Cureton has always made an impact, scoring his first goal for the Canaries in 1994 just 13 SECONDS after coming on as a substitute in a 3-0 Premier League home win over Chelsea. He added:

"When I was at the top, I thought that was me for ever."

"I didn't have the attitude I have now."

"I thought I knew it all, I didn't adapt to what was needed. I felt my ability was enough."

"Going down the levels grounded me and I worked myself back up to the Championship. I was very much Jack the Lad."

A quarter of a century later, Cureton's enthusiasm for the game is still there.

He said: "I still want to play. I'll be here at Stortford playing and managing next season."

"I'll go through pre-season and see if I deserve my place."

"As long as I'm effective, I will play. I don't feel I'm slowing up."

"I've had a career to be proud of and still get a thrill from scoring. It's still a great buzz."

"People say, 'Are you not bored yet?' by things like the travelling."

"But I actually enjoy the whole routine of it. I will be devastated to call it a day."

GOALS | Football's backroom boffins

Meet the gurus

IAN GRAHAM

Liverpool Director of Research

HAS a PhD in physics from Cambridge University and has been with the club since 2012.

Heads a four-strong team of maths geniuses who use data and computing to influence everything from signings to style of play.

Their computer modelling allows boss Jurgen Klopp to see how his team can create space and scoring opportunities in matches.

THOMAS GRONNEMARK

Liverpool Throw-in Coach

THE Dane is the world record holder for the longest ever throw-in: 51.33metres in 2010.

His job sounds strange, until you consider that there are an average of 50 throw-ins per game.

So why not practise them? Joined the Reds in pre-season and manager Jurgen Klopp said: "When I met him, it was 100 per cent clear I wanted to employ him."

Throw-ins have been a key part of Liverpool's attacking armoury this season, with Joe Gomez particularly impressive.

TIM HARKNESS

Chelsea Head of Sport & Psychology

CHELSEA have had nine managers and won nine trophies since the softly-spoken South African joined the club way back in 2009.

His work on the mindset of the players has been crucial during a turbulent but trophy-laden decade.

Harkness (below) worked in golf, squash and the military before he made his move to Stamford Bridge.

He also studied the science of resilience for seven years, describing this as the "ability to assess threats and opportunities and allocate resources accordingly."



SIMON AUSTIN is the founder of Training Ground Guru — a site that focuses on the teams behind the teams in pro football. Here, he reveals ten backroom boffins you've probably never heard of who are crucial to their club's success.

IT'S A FIT UP... Darren Burgess takes Arsenal stars through a fitness session

DARREN BURGESS

Arsenal Head of High Performance

ARSENAL are still a work in progress under new boss Unai Emery but their fitness has gone up a notch this season.

They have covered more metres per game than any other Premier League side this season and their injury rates have gone down, too.

Much of the credit must go to

Australian Burgess, who was head-hunted from AFL side Port Adelaide in July 2017.

He has been ruthless in his methodology — sacking several staff, including long-standing head of medical services Colin Lewin, but his methods seem to be working.



Dr RAMON CUGAT

Orthopaedic Surgeon

PEP GUARDIOLA described the knee expert as the "best doctor in the world".

Their relationship goes back two decades.

Man City send most of their injured players to Cugat's clinic in Barcelona for

diagnosis. Most of the other clubs in the Premier League use him, too. Cugat developed a groundbreaking treatment called PRP (Platelet Plasma) which involves being spun in a centrifuge and then reinjected back into an affected area.



KIERAN McKENNA

Manchester United First Team Coach

MUCH of the credit for United's resurgence in 2019 has gone to Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and Mick Phelan.

However, if you go to Carrington, chances are you will see McKenna (right) taking training.

The Phil Neville lookalike is much more prominent since Jose Mourinho's exit and is a smart coach and tactician.

Joined United as Under-18 boss in August 2016 and was widely regarded as the best coach in Academy football. Promoted to the first team this term.



STUART WEBBER

Norwich Sporting Director

HAS just turned 36 but is one of the hottest properties in English football.

The role of sporting director is becoming increasingly common and Webber (right) is regarded as one of the very best.

Laid the foundations for Huddersfield's rise to the Prem before joining Norwich in April 2017.

Sacked every head of department and the boss at Carrow Road. Also slashed the wage bill, placed an emphasis on youth and plucked unknown Daniel Farke from Dortmund reserves.

The result? Norwich are four points clear at the top of the Championship with four games to go.

TIM GABBETT

Sports Scientist

IF you consider injuries are estimated to have cost Premier League clubs more than 20,000 lost days and £130million in lost wages, you can see why Gabbett is in such high demand.

The Australian (below) has clients including Barcelona, Liverpool and Manchester City, who want insights into his acute to chronic workload ratio.

It might sound complicated but the principle behind it is simple: finding a sweet spot that ensures maximum fitness while minimising injury risk.

Every club in the Prem employs Gabbett's methods in some way.



MANEL ESTIARTE

Manchester City Head of Player Support & Protocol

IT might sound like the Catalan has a sort of HR role but he is way more important than that.

Estiarne is Pep Guardiola's closest confidante at Manchester City, a

constant guide and sounding board.

Pep said: "Managers are very, very alone — it is good for me to have him here."

Estiarne (above) was Spain's finest water polo player and won gold at the 1996 Olympics.

Guardiola was a player at Barcelona in 1992 when they first met. Have worked together since 2008.

SEBASTIANO POCHETTINO

Tottenham Sports Scientist

AT 23, the Argentine is the youngest first team sports scientist in the Premier League.

Sebastiano (below) is responsible for using tech and data to monitor and maintain players' fitness levels.

Being the manager's son, some might say this is down to nepotism.

But Pochettino Snr has said: "The players don't see him as my son — he's Sebastiano. I know some say, 'He's the gaffer's son' but the players trust him."

Graduated with a first class honours degree from Solent University Southampton and is highly rated.

